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Judge re-sentences juvenile lifer DePalma

Man who helped murder his mother at age 17 could be paroled in 4 years

By JULIE SWIDWA
HP Staff Writer

NILES — Appearing in a Niles courtroom on video from a state prison, Anthony DePalma appeared to fight back tears as he learned that he could someday be a free man.

Berrien County Trial Court Judge Sterling Schrock re-sentenced DePalma, 41, to 27-60 years. He has served 23 years, so could be eligible for parole in four years.

DePalma was 17 when he was involved in the May 7, 1997, murder of his mother, Connie DePalma, 48, in Bridgman. He and his friend, Mark Abbatoy, were convicted of beating her with a shovel so they could steal her car and drive to California. DePalma said they merely planned to knock her out and did not intend to kill her. An autopsy revealed that Connie DePalma had suffered at least 10 blows to the head, three of which would have been fatal.

DePALMA

DePalma has said it was Abbatoy who delivered all the blows, but he admits to formulating the plan, handing him the shovel and doing nothing to stop him from beating her.

DePalma and Abbatoy, also 17 at the time, both were convicted of first-degree felony murder and were handed the mandatory sentence of life in prison without parole.

But in 2012, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled, in the case of Miller vs. Alabama, that the automatic life without parole sentence is unconstitutional for any defendant under age 18. In 2016, the high court made the ruling retroactive, so prison inmates who were sentenced to life without parole as juveniles can be re-sentenced. But prosecutors can argue for the sentence to remain life without parole, and Berrien County Prosecutor Michael Sepic filed motions to do that in several cases, including those of DePalma and Abbatoy. Abbatoy's case has not been decided.

Last December, Schrock presided over a Miller hearing for DePalma, in which Berrien Assistant Prosecutor Cortney O'Malley argued for the sentence to stay the same while DePalma's lawyer, Brittany Parling, argued for a re-sentence to a

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BENTON HARBOR

Inaction on police brutality charge draws complaint

Supporter of man struck by police during arrest wants city to address issue

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

BENTON HARBOR — An internal investigation finding that excessive force wasn't used in the Dec. 28 arrest of a Benton Harbor man isn't sitting well with at least one of the man's supporters.

Gwen Swanigan from the S.H.A.R.P. Foundation took the conclusion, written by City Manager Ellis Mitchell, to the Benton Harbor Public Safety and Recreation Committee Wednesday, saying she hoped that the matter would be put on the city commission's agenda Monday for commissioners to review.

Instead, two city commissioners who sit on the public safety committee said it is up to her to take the complaint to the next level if she isn't happy with the results of the investigation, which were confirmed by three external reviews conducted by another law enforcement agency, an employment relations attorney and the Berrien County prosecutor.

Swanigan, who is representing the man's family, said she feels she is taking it to the next level by asking the city commission to review, since the city commission is Mitchell's boss and has the right to review and overturn his rulings if the majority of commissioners disagree with him.

At issue is the arrest of Michael Thompson, 27, at the May Street Market, 131 E. May St. Surveillance video from the market shows Benton Harbor police officer Drew Wagner hitting Thompson three times in the head with his fist after chasing him around the gas pumps and using a Taser on him twice.

Everyone involved agrees to these facts. But there is disagreement over whether Wagner used excessive force when he hit Thompson in the head.

Commissioner Sharon Henderson, who sits on the committee, said that Thompson's supporters earlier asked city commissioners to order an investigation be done into the arrest, which is what they did.

"What you asked for is what you got from the city," she said. "You asked not just to have an internal investigation, but an outside one, and we did that. My only issue is you didn't like the outcome, so now you're looking for a different outcome."

Henderson said that if Swanigan wants to appeal the decision to the Michigan State Police or to the Michigan Department of Justice, she can do that without the city getting involved.

Commissioner Ron Singleton, who chaired the committee, agreed.

"We're not the plaintiff," he said. "We can't complain on something that didn't happen to us. On the local level, we did the

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Photos by Don Campbell / HP staff

Alex Milnikel wipes down a tube before sending it back to a customer at the United Federal Credit Union drive-thru in St. Joseph on Wednesday.

Clean credit

Financial institutions lean on technology, drive-thru services amid pandemic

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

As financial uncertainty is on the minds of thousands in Southwest Michigan, a litany of banks and credit unions have rolled out several changes to adapt to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Some of these measures have meant closing off lobbies to prevent the spread of the coronavirus, streamlining drive-thru options and revamping online capabilities.

United Federal Credit Union focused on communication with its members early on in March to let them know their drive-thrus and ATMs were still open.

"Our primary focus from the beginning has been the health and the safety of our members and employees," said James Knight, chief sales and service officer at United. "This was going to cause everyone to evolve."

Knight said they expanded their online mobile banking and allowed for in-person conversations based on what was scheduled ahead of time.

In addition to members, quarantine measures have affected employees at local financial institutions.

Most of United's back office has been moved to a remote operation. Branch staff are still working as no one has been laid off or furloughed.

"We've maintained hours and allocated additional resources to service our call center, which has worked out well because our call volume has been breaking records," Knight said. "In fact, through the end of last month, we had received as many chats as we did for all of 2019. We broke our call

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Staff at the United Federal Credit Union in St. Joseph, including Stephanie Carlson, wear masks and frequently clean areas such as keyboards as a guard against COVID-19. The credit union has also taken additional protective measures by installing germ guards at each teller station.

Contributed photo

Pilots Tim Quinn (left) of South Haven and Mike Koetje of Kalamazoo stand next to one of three private planes that flew to Ironwood recently to transport 6,000 medical gowns for use by Bronson Healthcare medical facilities, including Bronson South Haven.

SOUTH HAVEN

Local pilots fly north to transport 6,000 gowns to Bronson's medical facilities

By BECKY KARK
For The Herald-Palladium

SOUTH HAVEN — When Tim Quinn isn't busy working full-time for General Electric Aviation and part-time as a firefighter/paramedic, he flies single-engine planes for a hobby.

So when his wife, Tina, a registered nurse at Bronson South Haven, told him about the healthcare group's desire to ship 6,000 medical gowns as quickly as possible from a Northern Michigan manufacturer, Quinn got together with several other pilots, who all agreed to use their own planes to pick up the personal protection equipment (PPE) for Bronson.

The five pilots boarded three planes, several weeks ago, and headed to the town of Ironwood to pick up the shipment from Jacquart Fabric Products, parent company of Stormy Kromer, a company known for its trademark wool winter caps.

"All of us love to fly and we want to help where we can,"

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Michigan Senate OKs virus relief bill

By DAVID EGGERT
Associated Press

LANSING — Michigan's Legislature on Wednesday began authorizing the state to spend half a billion dollars of federal coronavirus relief funding, while majority Republicans voiced concern about the safety of nursing homes for residents who don't have COVID-19.

The state, meanwhile, announced that 1.7 million people – a third of the workforce – has sought unemployment benefits since mid-March. Gov. Gretchen Whitmer announced temporary layoff days for 31,000, nearly two-thirds, of state workers.

State law enforcement leaders pledged a stepped-up presence and to make arrests if there is any unlawful, threatening or intimidating behavior by demonstrators who join a Thursday protest at the Capitol against the governor's stay-at-home order. The Senate had planned to be in session but now won't return until next week.

Relief

The $524 million budget bill includes a $3 an hour pay raise for carers at nursing homes and other facilities, and up to $1,000 in bonus pay for local enforcement officers, firefighters and first responders. There's money to reduce child care costs for essential workers and to provide testing supplies and personal protective equipment for nursing, home health and day care providers.

The legislation sent to the House also would fund additional employees at the deluged Unemployment Insurance Agency and help schools pay for distance learning, summer education and assessments.

Layoffs

Whitmer announced furloughs for 31,000 of 48,000 state workers through late July. The state will participate in a federal "work share" program, allowing thousands of employees to work one less day a week but collect partial unemployment benefits to make up a portion of their lost wages.

Higher-level managers will not participate, but will take one layoff day every other two-week pay period – a 5 percent pay cut. The move will save the state $80 million.

Nursing homes

At issue is the Democratic governor's month-old executive order that lays out rules for the admission or readmission of residents who have COVID-19, the disease caused by the virus. At least 687 Michigan nursing home residents have died from COVID-19 complications, nearly 15 percent of the state's 4,714 reported deaths. A top state health official, citing data issues, said the number is probably higher.

Robert Gordon, director of the Department of Health and Human Services, told the GOP-led Senate Oversight Committee that if regular nursing homes can't safely isolate and care for virus-infected residents, they should be placed at regional "hub" nursing homes that can provide higher levels of care and contain exposure.

LOTTERIES

Wednesday drawings

Michigan
Classic Lotto 47
03-24-26-37-40-45
Poker Lotto
QC-5C-9C-2S-5S
Midday Daily 3
7-9-5
Midday Daily 4
1-5-1-6
Daily 3
5-8-3
Daily 4
2-3-2-1
Fantasy 5
04-07-10-33-39
Keno
05-06-07-11-14-18-22-23-27-30-39-42-46-47-48-52-56-58-66-73-78-80
Mega Millions jackpot
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Powerball jackpot
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Tuesday drawings

Indiana
Cash 5
04-11-19-33-45
Cash4Life
13-14-16-23-60, Cash Ball: 4
Quick Draw Midday
01-14-21-24-25-27-33-44-46-48-51-52-53-54-55-58-62-67-69-80, BE: 48
Daily Three-Midday
3-8-0, SB: 4
Daily Three-Evening
6-2-9, SB: 7
Daily Four-Midday
9-9-1-7, SB: 4
Daily Four-Evening
9-1-4-7, SB: 7
Quick Draw Evening
05-08-11-13-22-25-26-28-32-39-42-44-49-50-54-56-58-64-74-78, BE: 8
Mega Millions
07-16-27-44-52, Mega Ball: 5, Megaplier: 5

Illinois
LuckyDay Lotto Midday
11-26-38-40-43
Pick Three-Midday
1-1-0, Fireball: 3
Pick Three-Evening
2-1-1, Fireball: 4
Pick Four-Midday
2-8-4-3, Fireball: 6
Pick Four-Evening
5-8-6-2, Fireball: 0
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Trump ramps up expulsions of migrant youth

HOUSTON (AP) — The young migrants and asylum seekers swim across the Rio Grande and clamber into the dense brush of Texas. Many are teens who left Central America on their own; others were sent along by parents from refugee camps in Mexico. They are as young as 10.

Under U.S. law they would normally be allowed to live with relatives while their cases wind through immigration courts. Instead the Trump administration is quickly expelling them under an emergency declaration citing the coronavirus pandemic, with 600 minors expelled in April alone.

The expulsions are the latest administration measure aimed at preventing the entry of migrant children, following other programs such as the since-rescinded "zero tolerance" policy that resulted in thousands of family separations.

Border agencies say they have to restrict asylum claims and border crossings during the pandemic to prevent the virus' spread. Migrants' advocates call that a pretext to dispense with federal protections for children.

In interviews with The Associated Press, two recently expelled teens said border agents told them they wouldn't be allowed to request asylum. They were placed in cells, fingerprinted and given a medical exam. Then, after four days, they were flown back to their home country of Guatemala. The AP is withholding the teens' last names to protect their privacy.

Brenda, 16, left Guatemala in hopes of reaching the U.S. to eventually work and help her family. Her father works on a farm, but it's not enough.

"We barely eat," she said.

Her family borrowed $13,000 to pay a smuggler and months later she crossed illegally. Authorities later took her into custody in April at a Texas stash house, she said.

"I did ask to talk to my brother because he wanted to get a lawyer, because he wanted to fight for my case," she said. "But they told me they were not letting people talk to anyone. No matter how much I fought, they were not letting anyone stay."

Similarly, Osvaldo, 17, said agents wouldn't let him call his father. He was held with other children in a cold room and issued a foil blanket as well as a new mask and pair of gloves each of the four days he was in custody.

Moises Castillo / AP

Guatemalans deported from the U.S. wave from a bus after arriving at La Aurora airport in Guatemala City on May 4.

Osvaldo was given no immigration paperwork, just the medical report from his examination.

"I thought they would help me or let me fight my case," Osvaldo said, "but no."

A 10-year-old boy and his mother, whom the AP is not identifying because she fears retribution for speaking publicly, spent months at a squalid camp in Matamoros, Mexico, across from Brownsville, Texas, waiting for their immigration court dates under the Trump administration program known as "Remain in Mexico."

When she lost an initial decision, she decided he would be better off temporarily with her brother in the United States. She watched him swim across the Rio Grande.

The mother heard nothing until six days later, when her family received a call from a shelter in Honduras.

"They had thrown him out to Honduras," she said. "We didn't know anything."

The boy now lives with a family member in the capital, Tegucigalpa. Another relative has agreed to take him back to the family's rural village, if the mother returns to care for him. But she fears her former partner, who abused and threatened both of them.

"He doesn't want to eat. All he does is cry," the woman said. "I never imagined they would send him back there."

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investigation that was asked for."

Henderson said she has seen the video of the arrest. But Singleton said he hasn't seen the video.

After the meeting, Swanigan said the commissioners wouldn't even know about Mitchell's conclusion if she hadn't given them a copy of a letter that he sent to Thompson's mother, Michelle Evans.

"If (the commissioners) as a body watch that video and come to the conclusion that the officer was wrong and don't overturn the local investigation, then they are all are complicit to the behavior and are just as wrong," she said.

She said she is going to talk with Thompson's family about what they are going to do next.

During the meeting, Swanigan said the police department has been unwilling to give her a copy of the department's policies and procedures concerning arrests. Commissioners told her to send the department a Freedom of Information Act request to get a copy.

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SOUTH HAVEN

School landscaping job complete

Beautification project was finished after governor lifted restrictions on landscapers

By HP STAFF

SOUTH HAVEN — Once Gov. Gretchen Whitmer eased coronavirus-related stay-at-home restrictions to allow landscapers to return to work, it didn't take long for a beautification project to be completed at South Haven High School.

Within days of being allowed to work again, landscapers finished a $10,000 sound reduction berm.

The 300-foot berm is situated on the east side of the school, facing LaGrange Street, a main artery leading to downtown South Haven.

The berm is comprised of 1,000 cubic yards of dirt, 12 deciduous trees, five evergreen trees and three types of shrubs. DeBest, Inc. of South Haven designed and completed the landscaping, according to Robyn Henrickson, co-Founder of Project CURB, the group that raised the funds to make the beautification project possible.

School officials are quite pleased with the landscaping, which they said provides a visual makeover for not only the school but for motorists entering South Haven.

"The berm is a welcome addition to our recently renovated high school and reflects our school community well," said South Haven High School Principal Ryan Williamson. "We are very proud of what we offer at South Haven Public Schools. A beautiful campus is another item to add to the list."

Photo provided

A $10,000, 300-foot long sound reduction berm has been completed at South Haven High School. The berm is one of 11 beautification projects planned for the high school.

The berm project is the result of collaboration between South Haven Public Schools, Project CURB, deBest, Inc. and Armintrout's West Michigan Farm with sponsorship from Apple Insurance, BeachwalkProperties, Beyer Construction, Hardt Insurance, Jensen's Excavating, Meijer, South Haven Convention and Visitors Bureau, Timken and Walmart, whose in-kind and/or financial donations supported the project, according to Henrickson.

The landscaped berm is the most ambitious of 11 improvements Project CURB (community uplifting, revitalizing and beautifying) hopes to one day complete at the high school.

The group is in the process of fundraising for the next projects, but the organization's leaders say they are cognizant of the adverse effect the COVID-19 pandemic has had on the economy.

"We understand the impact COVID-19 has had on our community and are sensitive to priority shifts," Henrickson said. "Though we remain committed to our work, we are making adjustments to our fundraising efforts."

The majority of remaining projects in the high school's landscape master plan are estimated to cost between $3,000-$8,000 each. For those interested in partnering with Project CURB, sponsorship details can be found online at shprojectcurb.org/sponsorship. Additionally, donations can be made online at shprojectcurb.org or mailed to P.O. Box 131 South Haven, MI 49090.

SHOW OF APPRECIATION

Don Campbell / HP staff

Dozens of lantern bags, with the names of nurses and health care workers, are lit Tuesday night during a luminary event held at Spectrum Health Lakeland Regional Medical Center in St. Joseph in honor and appreciation of frontline workers during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Royalton Twp. holds first in-person meeting since pandemic

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — After canceling its April board meeting, Royalton Township trustees met in person Monday night for the first time in two months.

Tables and chairs were spaced apart in an effort to maintain social distancing and only two people showed up in person. Manager Steve Tilly said trustees didn't want to hold a virtual meeting despite the addition of the governor's executive order for the Open Meetings Act at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"I asked them and they all I wanted to meet in person. It didn't matter to me either way because I have to work here all the time," Tilly said.

When Gov. Gretchen Whitmer issued the initial executive order on March 18, it permitted public bodies to meet virtually to avoid large public gatherings that could lead to the spread of the coronavirus.

The order temporarily changes Michigan's Open Meetings Act, which mandates public access to certain state, county and local government meetings, to allow for electronic meetings.

However, this added measure is not required to be used by municipalities.

According to the governor's office, the order also temporarily authorizes public bodies, departments and agencies to use technology to enable remote participation in public comment and hearings.

Tilly said there were no options for residents to listen to the meeting from home Monday night.

However, he said he is looking for a way for residents to do so for the June meeting that will also be in person.

"It might be something we consider if we can add an electronic element for the general public, if they want to listen in." Tilly said. "The TV in the meeting room is a Smart TV that has a camera. It should pick up all the communications."

The governor's executive order was extended to the end of June that allows public entities to hold meetings virtually.

"Government is still considered essential," Tilly said. "You're just supposed to social distance. Last night, everyone was about eight or nine feet apart."

Booking a contract

The board discussed the township's contract with the Lincoln Township Public Library.

The contract expired March 21. Since the April meeting was canceled, a contract was not approved in time.

Because the new contract is in draft form, Tilly said the board granted him the ability to approve a contract if it's completed prior to the June board meeting.

"The board looked it over and gave them one week to respond with any questions," Tilly said. "It's been a good working relationship with Royalton and the Lincoln Township library."

According to Tilly, Royalton had considered three libraries for a partnership – Berrien Springs, Lincoln and St. Joseph.

The last contract was approved six years ago. Lincoln Township's library services Baroda, Lincoln and Royalton townships.

"We can't build our own library," Tilly said. "We've been partnering with this library for about two decades now."

The next board meeting is at 7 p.m. on June 8 at Royalton Township Hall.

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LINCOLN TWP.

Township approves more work at Glenlord Beach

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

STEVENSVILLE — Lincoln Township is adding another $46,000 toward renovating Glenlord Beach Park.

The plan is to install a 12-inch sewer line to an existing manhole that is stationed at the bottom of the park's bluff.

Backfill will then be used to cover the pipe and about 60 feet of the bluff will be replaced.

At Tuesday night's board meeting, township Engineer Dave Austin told trustees that the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality is allowing the township to place material at the park under the existing permit.

"There's erosion all up and down the lakeshore," Austin said.

Supervisor Dick Stauffer said the project is expected to take a month and a half. However, it is unknown at this time when work will begin.

"It will certainly begin before the fall," he said.

The work comes after the township also paid $33,000 to Oselka Construction to combine two revetment projects that would further protect the disappearing Glenlord Beach shoreline.

The township hired Oselka earlier this year after the northern neighbor to the beach paid to install revetment work along their property.

"For a couple months now, we've been watching that bluff and waiting for Oselka to finish the revetment just north of the park," Austin said. "Upon the completion of that, we were able to talk to local contractors in placing fill over the embankment that has washed away."

After reaching out to several local contractors for this newest project at Glenlord Beach Park, Austin said B&Z Co. agreed to handle the work for about $46,000.

Austin said the storm sewer line at the top of the bluff that has been depositing into the lake has been compromised since the lake began to erode a good portion of the beach.

"It's come apart at the top of the bluff," Austin said. "The new pipe will connect what is hanging in the air at the top of the bluff. Next we'll place some of that fill that will allow vegetation to grow on it."

The area has some old debris and concrete that was deposited there years ago, Austin said. Most of the project's cost is for the fill and labor to place the material.

Stauffer said they are considering using excess cemetery soil for the fill, if the township is able to save money by doing so.

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South Haven area man arrested after rampage

By HP STAFF

SOUTH HAVEN — A South Haven area man faces multiple criminal charges after he allegedly went on a rampage slashing tires and breaking out windshields at his ex-girlfriend's home on Country Road 380 in Geneva Township.

Van Buren County sheriff's deputies first learned of the violent situation unfolding when the woman called 911 shortly after 11 p.m. Monday to say her ex-boyfriend had broken windows in the home and was believed to be in possession of a firearm, according to a news release released Tuesday morning from the sheriff's department.

When deputies arrived they said they saw a 27-year-old man using a long metal rod to smash out the windshield of a car. A deputy apprehended the man and began assessing the scene with the assistance of police officers from Bangor and South Haven.

Police discovered eight tires on two vehicles, two smashed windshields and a broken window in the home. When officers searched the suspect they found suspected unprescribed controlled medications and possessions that allegedly had been stolen earlier in the day from the victim. Police also found a loaded 9mm handgun in his vehicle as well as a knife allegedly used to slash the tires.

The man, who was not identified, was arrested for larceny, malicious destruction of property, drug possession and carrying a concealed weapon.

IN BRIEF

Berrien County sees 26th COVID-19 death

The Berrien County Health Department reported another COVID-19 death Wednesday, bringing the total to 26.

The death was a woman over the age of 90 who had underlying health conditions.

Berrien County added 14 confirmed COVID-19 cases Wednesday, while also adding 14 recovered individuals.

There are now 425 cases cumulatively and 272 recovered.

The county added two presumed positive cases, brining the total to 182.

Four COVID-19 patients were in the intensive care unit at Spectrum Health Lakeland, while 12 are hospitalized not in the ICU.

Van Buren County added no cases or deaths Wednesday, and Cass County added one case, bringing its total to 44.

Local numbers and information can be found at www.bchdmi.org, and at www.vbcassdhd.org/covid-19. For state numbers, visit www.michigan.gov/coronavirus.

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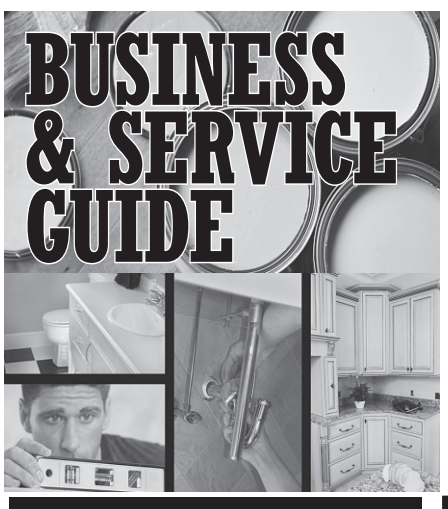

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THURSDAY, MAY 14

Let go of the past and embrace the future. Refuse to let negativity take control or uncertainty lead to a stalemate. Expand your knowledge, rely on experience and forge into the future with vim and vigor. Believe in yourself, and success will come your way.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Set up a conference call, join an online group that interests you and engage in activities through social media. It's time to change the way you do things.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Listen to what's being said or offered to you. Scrutinize anything that sounds suspicious. Offer suggestions, not physical or financial assistance. You'll accomplish the most if you make your responsibilities a priority.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Try something new or do things differently. Change may not be your thing, but keeping up with the times will be essential if you want to get ahead.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Figure out a way to barter with people who have services you need. A forum geared toward trading skills and services can help make life easier for you and those in your community.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Get ahead of the game. Focus on how best to stand out and make what you have to offer valuable. Turn a negative into a positive, and success will be yours.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Keep moving forward without making waves. Avoid people who put demands on you or take advantage of your skills, knowledge or generosity. Your priority should be your health and family.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Take the initiative to do the things you do best. Your discipline and hard work will pay off. Take control of your life and follow your heart.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Plan a social media event. Turn a phone call into a dinner party or romantic evening with someone who lives at a distance. Be imaginative and enjoy it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Keep an open mind, but don't let anyone bamboozle you into doing something that isn't in your best interest. Your focus should be on home, family and alternative living conditions.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Information is heading your way. Digest what you discover and figure out how to use it to your advantage. A slight change can make a big difference.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Don't let depression set in when you should be taking action. Changing the way you handle your money and how you help others will improve your life.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Stick to the script. If you exaggerate or are gullible, you will end up in an unnecessary predicament. Be smart and verify information before you pass it along.

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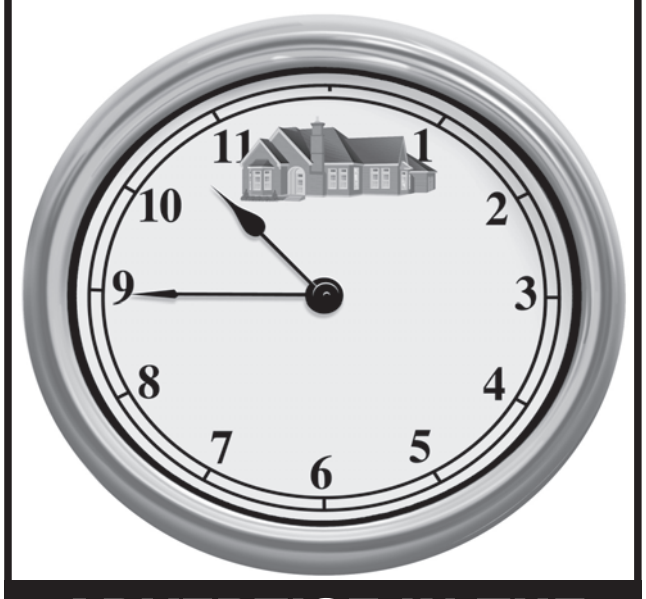

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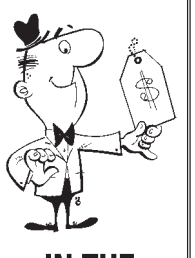

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THURSDAY EVENING MAY 14

	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC (7)(13)(41)(57)	Wheel of Fortune	Who Wants to Be a Millionaire (N)		Station 19 "Louder Than a Bomb" CC		:01 How to Get Away With Murder "Stay"	
CBS (2)(3)(22)	Ent. Tonight	Young Sheldon	Man With a Plan (N)	:01 Mom CC	Broke (N) CC	Tommy A Hollywood producer is attacked.	
NBC (5)(8)(16)	Ac. Hollywood	Council of Dads "The Sixth Stage"		Blindspot "We Didn't Start the Fire" (N)		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	
FOX (17)(22)(28)(32)	Modern Family	Celebrity Watch Party (N) CC		Mental Samurai CC (DVS)		Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N) CC	
PBS (34)	Radar-Michigan	Poldark on Masterpiece George has a plan to take care of Ross. CC				Antiques Roadshow CC	
CW (25)	Big Bang Theory	Katy Keene Katy needs Gloria's help.		In the Dark "The Unusual Suspects" (N)		News	Seinfeld CC
MNT (50)	Family Feud	Chicago P.D. "Rabbit Hole" CC (DVS)		Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Assassin"		Law & Order: Criminal Intent CC	
WCIU (26)	Mike & Molly	Katy Keene Katy needs Gloria's help.		In the Dark "The Unusual Suspects" (N)		2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls
WHME (46)	:00 Heartland	Heartland Ty and Amy's relationship.		Highway to Heaven "The Reunion"		Nightly News	
WGN (9)	News	black-ish	black-ish CC	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	WGN News at Nine (N) (L) CC	
A&E	:00 The First 48	The First 48 "Crossroads" CC		The First 48 "Standing Ground" CC		First 48: Case-Haunts Me	
AMC	White House	★★★ The Hangover ('09) Bradley Cooper. Three pals must find a missing groom after a wild bash.					Major League
Animal	Last	The Last Alaskans: Arctic Refuge (N)				Yukon Men CC	
BET	5:30 ★★★ Coach Carter			★★ Welcome Home Roscoe Jenkins			
Big Ten	Big Ten Elite CC		B1G	Purdue Basketball		Purdue Basketball	
Bravo	Housewives	Housewives/NYC		Housewives/NYC		Top Chef "Cabin Fever" (N) CC	
Cartoon	We Bare	American	American	American	Rick	Burgers	Burgers
Cinemax	The Darkest Hour	★★★ The Hurt Locker ('08, War) Jeremy Renner, Anthony Mackie. CC				:10 The Operative ('19) CC	
CMT	Last Man	Gold Girls	Gold Girls	Gold Girls	Gold Girls	Gold Girls	Gold Girls
CNBC	CNBC	Shark Tank CC		Shark Tank		Shark Tank	
CNN	OutFront	Coronavirus: Facts and Fears: A CNN				Cuomo Prime Time	
Comedy	Work.	Work.	Work.	Work.	Work.	Work.	Work.
Discovery	Afraid	Naked and Afraid: Uncensored Survivalists are stranded on an island. CC				Naked and Afraid "Twinning" CC	
Disney	Bunk'd	Big City	Big City	Bunk'd	Raven	Gabby	Coop
DIY	Pool	Insane Pools		Insane Pools		Insane Pools	
E!	Chrisley	Total Bellas CC		Total Bellas (N)		Botched CC	
ESPN	ESPN	College Football					
ESPN2	Last Dan.	The Last Dance		The Last Dance		The Last Dance	
ESPNC	Baseball	MLB Baseball				MLB Baseball	
Food	Beat Flay	Restaurant: Im.		Restaurant: Im.		Opening Night (N)	
Fox News	The Story	Tucker Carlson		Hannity (N) CC		The Ingraham Angle	
Fox Sports	Bowling	Detroit Tigers Classics (N)					
Freefrm	:00 ★★ The Lost World: Jurassic Park ('97, Adventure) Jeff Goldblum, Julianne Moore. CC					Siren "Til Death Do Us Part" (N) CC	
FX	5:00 Furious 7	★★ Kingsman: The Golden Circle ('17) Colin Firth. British spies join forces with their American counterparts. CC					
Golf	:00 Golf CC						
Hallmark	Love at the Shore	Winter Castle ('19, Romance) Emilie Ullerup, Kevin McGarry. CC				Golden Girls	Golden Girls
HBO	6:30 ★★★ Cast Away ('00, Drama) Tom Hanks. CC			We're Here (N) CC		Insecure CC	:31 Betty CC
History	Pickers	American Pickers		:02 American Pickers		:05 American Pickers	
HGTV	Windy	Flip	Flip	Flipping	Flipping	Hunters	Hunt Intl
Learning	My 600-	My 600-Lb. Life (N)				Dr. Pimple Popper	
Lifetime	King of Queens	King of Queens	King of Queens	King of Queens	King of Queens	King of Queens	King of Queens
MSNBC	Decision	All In With		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word	
MTV	Jersey	Jersey Shore		Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.
NBCSCH	Sports	Chicago Bulls Classic (N)				World Boxing	
NFL	NFL Total	A Football Life		A Football Life		A Football Life	
Nick	Danger	Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Road Chip				Friends	Friends
NGEO	Troopers	Alaska-Trooper		Alaska-Trooper		Alaska-Trooper	
Oxygen	:00 Snapped	Hollywood Ripper 100 Special (N)			Green River Killer Authorities finally identify a killer. CC		
Parmt	Two Men	★★ Grumpy Old Men ('93) Jack Lemmon. CC					Grumpier
Showtime	★★ Real Steel ('11)	Shameless Debbie steals a little boy.		Billions Chuck wrestles with his demons.		Desus & Mero	Californication
Starz	Children of Men	:13 Vida Eddy returns to the bar.		8:55 ★★ Two for the Money ('05) Al Pacino, Matthew McConaughey. CC			
STZENC	:08 ★★★ 9 to 5 ('80) Jane Fonda, Lily Tomlin. CC			★★★★ Forrest Gump ('94, Comedy-Drama) Tom Hanks, Robin Wright. CC			
SyFy	6:58 ★★ Fast & Furious ('09) Vin Diesel. CC (DVS)			8:58 ★★ xXx: Return of Xander Cage ('17, Action) Vin Diesel. CC (DVS)			
TBS	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	The Misery Index
TCM	Young Philadlp	★★ The Whole Town's Talking ('35) Jean Arthur CC			:45 ★★★ A Slight Case of Murder ('38) Jane Bryan CC		
TMC	Keeps Alive	★★★ Twelve Monkeys ('95, Science Fiction) Bruce Willis, Madeleine Stowe. CC				:10 ★★ Species ('95) CC	
TNT	:00 Bones	★★★ Wonder Woman ('17, Action) Gal Gadot. CC (DVS)					
Travel	Ghost	Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		Portals to Hell (N)	
TV Land	Andy G.	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Two Men	Two Men
USA	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Chicago P.D. "The Weigh Station"	
VH1	Love Cost	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out
WGN-A	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met

Mom vetoes grandma's plan to flout distancing rules

Jeanne Phillips
Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: My parents have strong opinions. I don't agree with them in areas such as how to raise or discipline my children. If I try to explain why, they mock me with their tone of voice. Then they get mad if I try to discuss it with them and won't speak to me for a couple of weeks.

Currently, they are insisting that I am making a mountain out of a molehill because of the coronavirus. I stay at home with my children and run out only to buy food. Abby, my parents are ignoring all the health recommendations. They still go out in public places where people are close to each other.

They now want to have all their grandkids over to play and are upset with me because I refuse. It has reached the point that I don't answer my phone when I see Mom's number because I know she'll lecture me on how I am "tearing the family apart over this nonsense that we'll just laugh about next year." How do you get family members to respect your request for social distancing? – Doing What's Right For Now

DEAR DOING: Here's how: Stick to your guns. Remind your mother that your children's welfare is your sacred responsibility. It is your job to ensure their safety, and it's no laughing matter. Tell her this is why you have chosen to follow the directions issued by the Centers for Disease Control. You wish she and your dad would be more careful about their own health, but you respect that they are adults making their own choices, and you expect that she will extend to you the same courtesy. Period!

DEAR ABBY: I recently gave a family member a gift. Immediately upon opening it, they exclaimed, "I don't want this! I will never use this. Can I return it and get something else?" This was followed by repeatedly saying they didn't want the item and dragging out of the closet a similar item another family member had given them, exclaiming, "See? I already have almost the exact same thing, and I've never used it."

This relative kept repeating they didn't ever want anything like this and what I should always get them. This is the same person, by the way, who buys me whatever they want to get me whether I want it or not, and refuses to listen when I state what I would like as gifts. Am I too sensitive, or is this behavior bad manners? – Gift Horse In Wyoming

DEAR GIFT HORSE: It's an example of appalling bad manners and lack of gratitude. Because the relative is also unwilling or unable to choose appropriate gifts, why not agree to stop exchanging them? In cases like this, a nice, neutral greeting card would cause fewer hurt feelings.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I disagree about something, and I'd like you to be the tie-breaker. One of us believes it's proper to keep the title to a vehicle in the glove compartment of the vehicle alongside the registration and insurance papers. The other thinks it's foolish and dangerous. What say you? – Tie-Breaker In Kentucky

DEAR TIE-BREAKER: I say it is better to err on the side of caution and keep the title in a safe deposit box or file cabinet. The same is true for the deed to your home, as well as other important documents.

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Fiancee's mother wants the wedding her way

Carolyn Hax

Adapted from an online discussion.

HI, CAROLYN: I am recently engaged. My future mother-in-law is contributing some money to help us pay and is insistent that we have our wedding in my fiancee's hometown. My fiancee and I live in the D.C. area and would much prefer to have our wedding here – it is more convenient to plan our wedding here, our lives are here, we have a strong friend base here and we really like the venue.

My future mother-in-law has been relentless in trying to get us to agree to have the wedding in my fiancee's hometown, at venues that we do not like and that are significantly more expensive than our local option. This has included guilt-tripping my fiancee that it will devastate future mother-in-law if the wedding is in D.C., telling us that no one will come to our wedding if we have it here, and pretending to not hear my fiancee when she tells her that we would rather have the wedding here.

My fiancee is feeling guilty because she is an only child and her dad is deceased. To make matters worse, a family member has informed my fiancee that I simply do not get where my future mother-in-law is coming from and that I need to be more sensitive to the fact that she is a widow. Any advice you have would be much appreciated. Thanks so much! – Engaged

Engaged: Yikes. Decline the money, have it in D.C., prepare yourselves to ride out the emotional crapstorm. Her being a widow (or anything else) affords her zero claim on lives that aren't hers to run. The sooner you lay out in a clear and loving way that you are having your wedding your way, and then *do not budge*, the better I like your chances for keeping this controlling person and other controlling people out of the ensuing marriage.

Just imagine if you have children, and your fiancee's mother gets ideas on how she wants them raised.

You're going to have to establish boundaries, so you might as well do it now, when the dotted line is so easy to see.

And yes, I realize that declining money and having a D.C. wedding are almost ludicrously at odds with each other, and who knows when this all can happen anyway, but in tackling the one-day wedding we're really talking about the rest-of-your-lives marriage – so if it means a mac-and-cheese reception in a public park, then so be it. It'll be worth every noodle.

RE: Wedding: Of course you should decline the money and the emotional blackmail that comes with it. As an olive branch, maybe agree to have her host a reception in your honor – after the honeymoon – in her hometown? Then she can pay, have her friends etc. – Win-win?

RE: Wedding: This is actually a golden opportunity/test for you and fiancee. If she can't stand up for herself and the two of you now, I would seriously reconsider the marriage. Do you want to share your life with someone who lets her mother direct her decisions on childbearing, child-rearing, buying versus renting, which job to take, where to live, how to vacation and everything else? She is a widow, so she gets her way! – Golden

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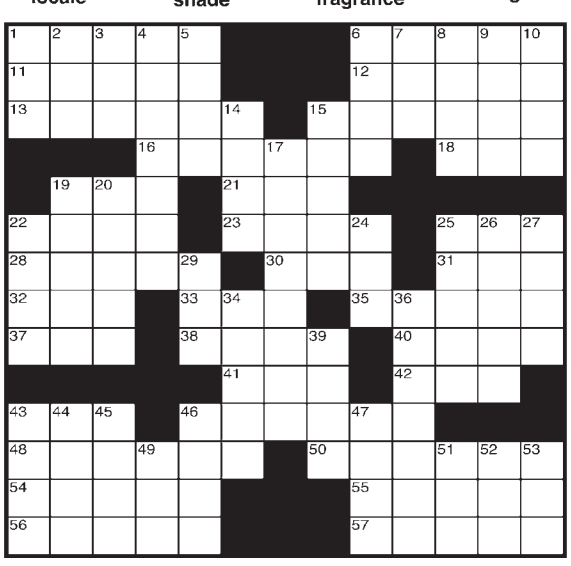

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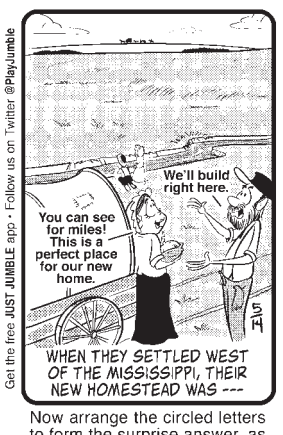
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WHEN THEY SETTLED WEST OF THE MISSISSIPPI, THEIR NEW HOMESTEAD WAS ---

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

" "

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: HIPPO APPLY NIBBLE SPOTTY
Answer: She was able to quickly reach the summit because she was — IN TIP-TOP SHAPE

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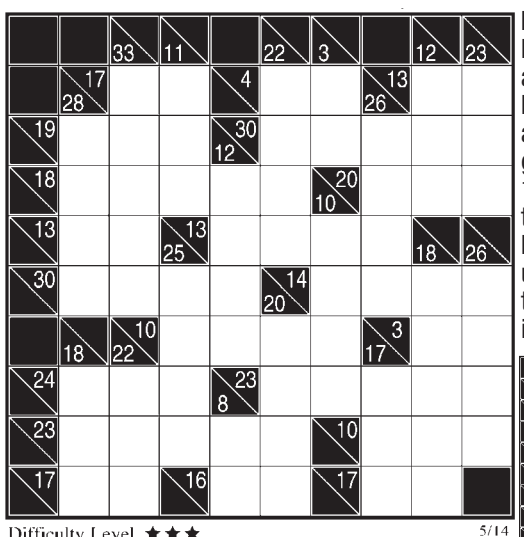
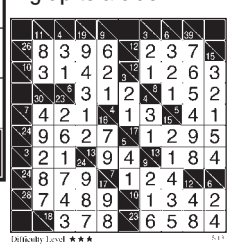


Difficulty Level ★★★ 5/14

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.



BRIDGE

Victor Hugo wrote, "He who every morning plans the transaction of the day and follows out that plan, carries a thread that will guide him through the maze of the most busy life. But where no plan is laid, where the disposal of time is surrendered merely to the chance of incidence, chaos will soon reign."

That is excellent advice for a bridge player, but sometimes you have to try to understand your opponent's plan, so that you can find a successful countermeasure.

What happens in this three-no-trump contract after West leads the heart jack?

South's one-spade response was debatable. The hand's key feature was the good club suit. But, of course, players are brainwashed into thinking that only major suits are fit for bidding, and if four spades were the only game, it might be missed after South's two-club response. Here, though, five clubs was an excellent contract. Also, South's bid helped him in the play.

Declarer won the first trick with his heart ace and played off dummy's two top diamonds. When the queen didn't drop, South ran the club jack. West won with the king but continued with another heart. South claimed nine tricks: two hearts, two diamonds and five clubs.

"You had six clubs?" asked an incredulous West. "Sorry, partner. How could I tell?"

Suppose South had a guaranteed spade stopper. Wouldn't he have established dummy's diamonds? South's actual line strongly suggested that he was trying to run nine tricks without losing the lead and was giving himself a chance in both minors.

North 05-14-20
♠ J
♥ K 2
♦ A K J 10 7 6 4
♣ J 10 4

West
♠ A Q 8 3
♥ J 10 9 7 4
♦ 5 2
♣ K 3

East
♠ K 9 7 4
♥ Q 8 6 5
♦ Q 9 3
♣ 7 2

South
♠ 10 6 5 2
♥ A 3
♦ 8
♣ A Q 9 8 6 5

Dealer: North
Vulnerable: North-South

South	West	North	East
		1♦	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Opening lead: ♥ J

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★☆☆

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		7	2	4	1	8		
	4			6		3		7
9						4		
		8		9		7		
		5						9
3		2		5			7	
		4	6	7	3	9		
	7		8					

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

5	8	4	9	3	6	2	7	1
1	2	7	5	8	4	3	9	6
3	9	6	1	7	2	5	4	8
4	6	5	7	9	8	1	3	2
9	7	3	6	2	1	4	8	5
2	1	8	3	4	5	9	6	7
7	4	1	8	5	9	6	2	3
8	5	2	4	6	3	7	1	9
6	3	9	2	1	7	8	5	4

Photo provided

Kalamazoo-based Yumna Jawad blogs online at Feel Good Foodie.

Recipes from Michigan's Feel Good Foodie

Spoiled by her mom's cooking, and too tired to cook after working all day, Yumna Jawad decided to change after getting married.

Jane Ammeson

For two weeks, Jawad had her mom tell her, step by step, how to make meals.

Jawad, who lives in Kalamazoo, used her new skills to cook for her family and springboard a blog, Feel Good Foodie.

I came across her blog when researching healthy recipes – since I've moved on from trying all the dessert recipes I've clipped and saved over the years – and was impressed.

Besides recipes, she also offers nutritional information, substitutions, how-to videos and links to similar recipes.

I emailed Jawad, and she responded within 10 minutes, even though it was late. Judging by how often she updates her blog, though, she may not sleep much.

It turns out she worked in branding and research and marketing for consumer packaged foods and the retail food industry. Seven years ago, she began sharing recipes on her Instagram account.

She now has more than 2.2 million followers. I have like 2,000.

I asked her why she thought she was so successful.

"When I first started sharing recipes on social media, my photos were all taken on an iPhone, and it was always the meals I made that day for myself or my family," she says. "The food wasn't styled or edited, but it was easy and approachable. I think it resonated with a lot of people seeking ways to eat healthier that was attainable and easy-to-manage. And when others tried recreating my recipes, they had similar results without 'Pinterest fails.' That encouraged them to try more and share more, which I believe helped me establish credibility in my brand and recipes. And all of that was before I even knew that I was even building a health-and-wellness brand."

Jawad has an international background that adds to the creativity of her recipes. She was born in what is now the Democratic Republic of the Congo and also lived in Sierra Leone until she was 11. When Civil War broke out, her family moved to Dearborn, Mich.

After marrying, she and her husband, a cardiologist, moved several times before ending up in Kalamazoo. She learned to cook traditional Lebanese food, but now has exponentially expanded her repertoire. There's often a Middle East/Mediterranean aspect to her recipes because of her focus on vegetables and healthy ingredients.

Her culinary inspirations, besides her mom, include Ina Garten of Barefoot Contessa fame.

"While not all of Ina's recipes are low calories/low fat, I love her realness, approachability and passion for cooking," Jawad says. "She inspires me to be who I am, and allow that passion to come through with my recipes without any fluff."

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Quinoa Patties pair well with an Avocado Yogurt Dip.

Curtis Stone is also another food idol because, she says, he is all about eating unprocessed and unpackaged foods as much as possible, which is actually healthier and cheaper.

"This is something that I focus so much on with my wholesome home-cooked meals," she says.

As a mother of two who likes meals that are quick to prepare, she's also a fan of Rachael Ray.

"Rachael really popularized the idea of 30-minute meals that made home cooking so accessible for so many people," Jawad says, "and that is directly in line with my thinking."

Currently, she adds three recipes a week to her blog – meals she's been making for her family since she learned to cook 12 years ago. Some are inspired by tradition, others by watching cooking shows, reading food magazines and following social media, and all focus on new approaches creating healthy wholesome meals.

"This includes, for example, trends like quinoa crust breadsticks, or cauliflower pizza, or sweet potato toast," Jawad says. "I keep up with the latest trends and test new ideas myself, and then add my own twist to them, usually by making the prep easier or by swapping some ingredients to personalize the recipe."

For those wondering how to incorporate new foods into their kitchen repertoire, she has some tips. When she used to discover new produce at farmers markets, she'd ask the grower for suggestions. Now, Jawad uses the vegetables or fruits in a way that makes them more connected to what she knows.

"I recommend experimenting with it in a way that you normally eat other similar foods," she says. "For instance, since rutabaga is a root vegetable, I would prepare it in a similar way to other root vegetables, by roasting it, because I know I would naturally enjoy that more than steaming it. I would also recommend trying something new in smaller quantities and having others to share it with.

"It makes the process more enjoyable to try a new ingredient or recipe with other taste testers," she says. "When it comes to kids, the same advice applies. But also, I strongly recommend having kids help in the purchase and preparation of ingredients. It gets them more excited about what they make because they feel more invested in the process. When all else fails, mask it in a smoothie or blended soup."

The following recipes are courtesy of Jawad.

Chicken Lemon Orzo Soup

1 pound boneless skinless chicken thighs
1 onion, diced
3 large carrots, peeled, halved lengthwise and finely sliced
3 celery stalks, small diced
2 to 3 bay leaves
1 tablespoon butter, or olive oil
2 garlic cloves, minced
3/4 cup orzo pasta
1 teaspoon dried rosemary
1/8 teaspoon turmeric (optional)
Juice of 1 or 2 lemons, to taste
Fresh parsley, or mint (optional)

Place chicken and scraps from the outer layers and end of the onions, carrots and celery along with a couple bay leaves in a large stock pot. Add 8-10 cups water, and season with salt and pepper.

Bring to a boil. Reduce heat, and simmer until chicken is fork-tender, about 30 minutes.

Remove chicken, and shred. Strain the chicken broth using a fine-mesh sieve and discard the vegetable scraps and bay leaves.

Heat oil in the same pot over medium heat. Add the chopped onions, carrots, celery and garlic, and cook until tender, about 4-5 minutes. Stir in the shredded chicken, orzo, rosemary and turmeric (if using). Then return the broth to the stockpot and bring to a boil.

Reduce the heat, and simmer until the orzo is cooked, about 20 minutes.

Stir in the lemon juice, and season with salt and pepper. Serve immediately with fresh parsley or mint, if desired.

Air Fryer Sweet Potato Fries

2 medium sweet potatoes, peeled
2 teaspoons olive oil
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
1/4 teaspoon paprika
1/8 teaspoon black pepper

Heat an air fryer to 380 degrees.

Peel the sweet potatoes, then slice each one into even 1/4-inch thick sticks.

Place the sweet potatoes in a large mixing bowl, and toss with olive oil, salt, garlic powder, paprika and black pepper.

Cook in 2 or 3 batches, depending on the size of your basket, without overcrowding the pan, until they're crispy. I recommend 12 minutes, turning halfway. This may vary based on your air fryer.

Serve immediately with your favorite dipping sauce.

Quinoa Patties

1 cup cooked quinoa
2 eggs, beaten
Salt and pepper, to taste
1/2 red onion, finely chopped
1/2 cup mozzarella cheese
2 cloves garlic, crushed
1 cup breadcrumbs
Water, as needed to add moisture
1 tablespoon canola oil

For the Avocado Yogurt Dip:

2 tablespoons cilantro, chopped
1/2 cup yogurt
1/2 avocado extra ripe
Salt and pepper, to taste

Combine quinoa, eggs, salt and pepper in a medium bowl. Stir in onion, cheese and garlic. Add the breadcrumbs, stir, and let sit for a few minutes so the crumbs can absorb some of the moisture. Feel free to add water if the mixture feels too dry.

Form the mixture into 6-8 patties.

Heat the oil in a large, heavy skillet over medium-low heat. Place patties on the heated pan, making sure not to overcrowd them, and cook until the patties are golden color, about 7-10 minutes per side.

Place the quinoa patties on a baking sheet lined with parchment paper. Brush oil on top of the patties.

Bake in a 400-degree oven for 15 minutes, until golden.

To make the avocado yogurt dip, whisk together the cilantro, yogurt and avocado. Season with salt and pepper, and serve with the cooked quinoa patties.

Notes: Leftovers will last up to 5 days in the fridge. You can also freeze the patties before or after cooking them.

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IN BRIEF

Dowagiac cancels annual Summer Concert Series

DOWAGIAC — The Dowagiac Summer Concert Series won't take the stage in 2020.

Downtown Development Authority Program Director Vickie Phillipson said the fine arts schedule has been canceled due to COVID-19.

"The decision was both difficult and painful to make," Phillipson said in a news release. "We realize how much families and friends enjoy gathering together for our evening concerts. However, of utmost concern is the safety of the public, including both our performers and attendees."

She said musicians who are able to book performances more than a year in advance can move their contracts to 2021.

The pandemic has caused officials to also cancel Summer in the City, the Memorial Day Parade and the community garage sale weekend.

A decision has yet to be made on the Rod & Roll Classic Auto Show, scheduled for mid-August.

Box Factory for the Arts to open exhibit online

ST. JOSEPH — The Box Factory for the Arts' "Series 1: 2020 Gallery Exhibitions," featuring the works of Greg Constantine, Douglas Jones and Pete LaRouech, will open online Friday.

Constantine taught painting, drawing and art history at Andrews University for 43 years while holding art history summer sessions for European students. In 1996, he was named artist-in-residence and research professor of art at Andrews. He retired in 2006, but continues to exhibit his work.

Jones recently retired from teaching writing and literature at Andrews. He minored in art in college, and, in retirement, has returned to painting. He works mostly in acrylic and watercolor. His subject matter is varied – from stacks of bricks to landscapes to still life. In this exhibit, he focuses on chairs.

LaRouech, 73, started painting just three years ago. He attended Western Michigan University, where he received degrees in educational leadership. When he left teaching, he began experimenting with abstract painting. Most viewers see images in his works that he didn't see or plan for.

This is the Berrien Artist Guild's first online exhibit in its 25-year history. Visit www.boxfactoryforthearts.org, and click on the gallery link to view the artwork.

For more information about the exhibits, email gallery@boxfactoryforthearts.org.

PechaKucha goes virtual

PechaKucha St. Joseph/Benton Harbor organizers will host their 20th PechaKucha Night at 7 p.m. tonight.

Unlike past events, however, the event featuring presenters talking about 20 slides for 20 seconds each will be online on YouTube.

Tonight's presenters are:

- Mark Dytham, PechaKucha founder, Tokyo
- Lana DeFrancesco, PechaKucha organizer, St. Joseph
- Ronnika "RJ" Williams, PechaKucha organizer, Boys and Girls Clubs, Benton Harbor
- Matthew Bizoe, PechaKucha organizer, Krasl Art Center, Bridgman
- Emily McKenna, Krasl Art Center, Benton Harbor
- Sara Katanko, PechaKucha organizer, Wightman, Benton Harbor
- Chris Gregory, former PechaKucha organizer, Pepsi designer, New York
- Jude Pullen, technologist and physical prototyping expert, London
- Kelly McElroy, civil engineer, Cook Nuclear Plant, St. Joseph

Interested in supporting the local PechaKucha group? Sign up to present at a future event, or browse past events at www.pechakucha.com/cities/st-joseph.

PechaKucha's "INSPIRE The World" live events showcase positive, creative and inspiring stories. The PechaKucha global network has curated stories of how people, who are creatively coping with the COVID-19 pandemic, can inspire the world.

Symphony Orchestra cancels summer concerts

ST. JOSEPH — Given the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and increased measures to slow the spread, the Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra has canceled all its planned concerts and programs through the end of August.

"The health and safety of the community is our highest priority, including our musicians, patrons, staff, vendors and volunteers," Executive Director Sue Kellogg said in a news release.

"With all the uncertainty in the world today, we are diligently seeking discernment to keep everyone safe, while working with our four outstanding music director candidates on a timeline for our return," she said.

For more information, or to support the SMSO, visit www.smso.org.

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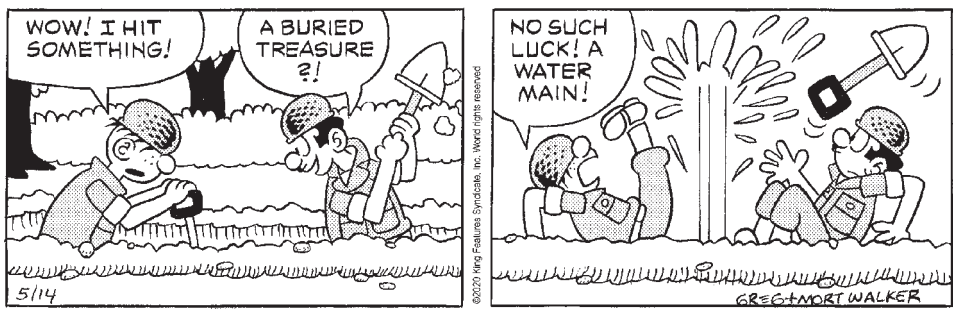
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A BURIED TREASURE ?!
NO SUCH LUCK! A WATER MAIN!
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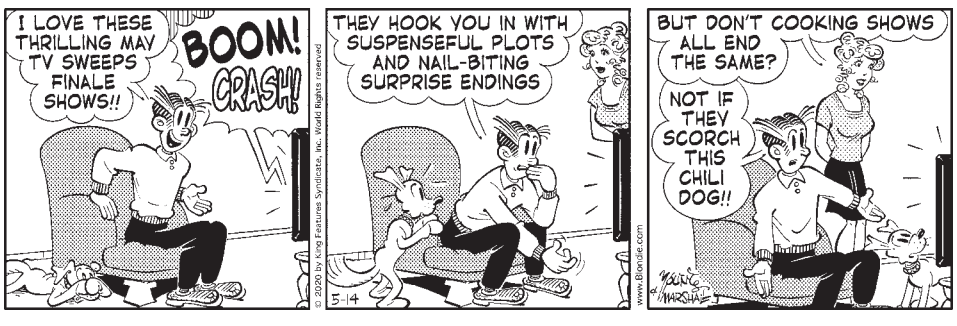
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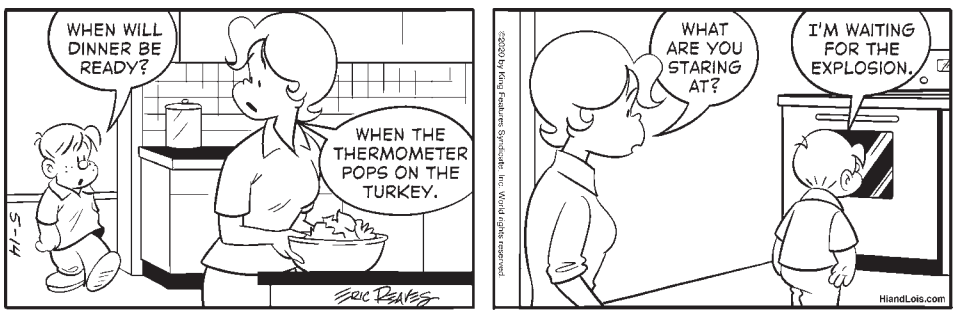
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WHEN THE THERMOMETER POPS ON THE TURKEY.
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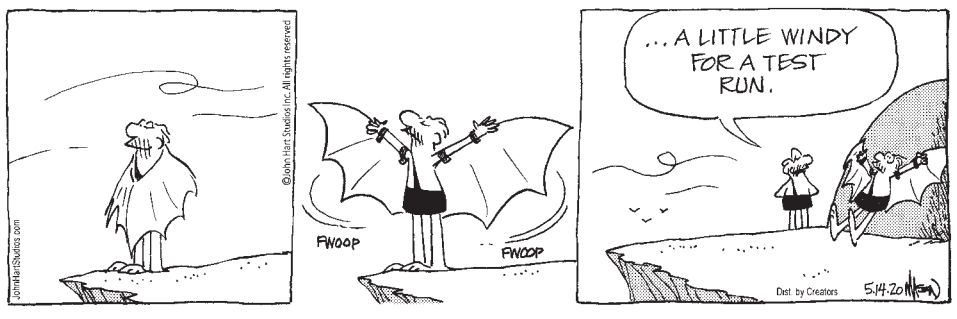

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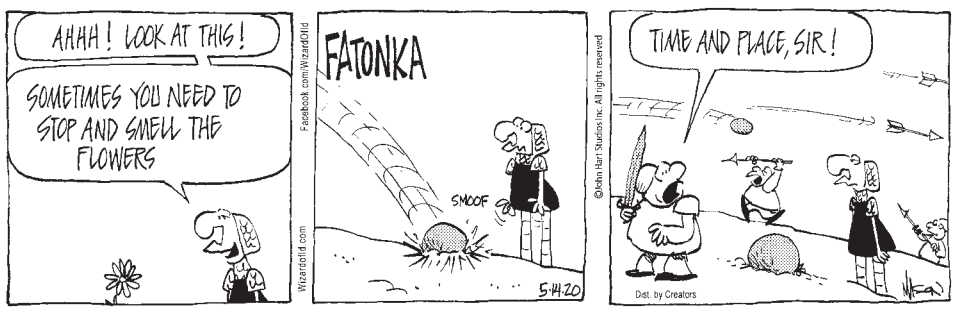

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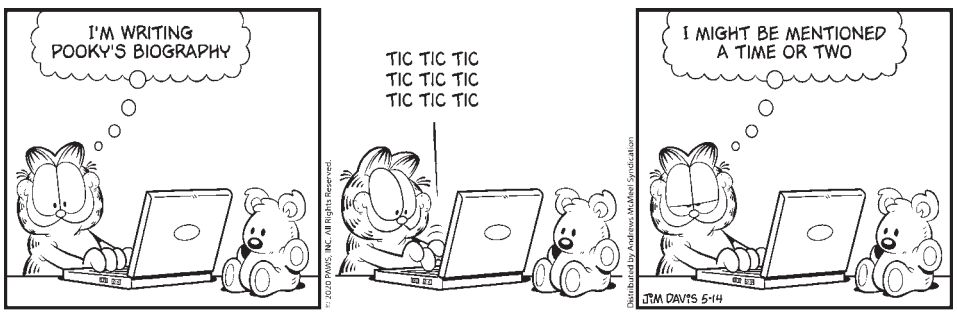
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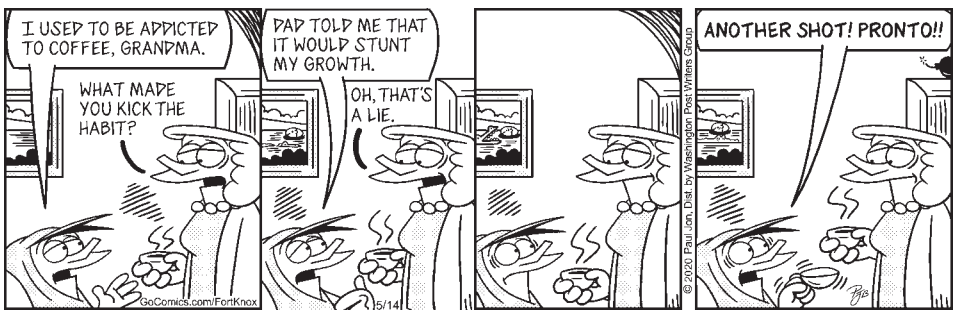
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WHAT MADE YOU KICK THE HABIT?
DAD TOLD ME THAT IT WOULD STUNT MY GROWTH.
OH, THAT'S A LIE.
ANOTHER SHOT! PRONTO!!
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PICKLES

I VOLUNTEERED FOR THE MEN'S CHOIR AT CHURCH.
THEY SAID THEY WERE LOOKING FOR A YOUNGER VOICE.
SO I TOLD THEM IT IS THE OLDEST VIOLINS THAT MAKE THE SWEETEST MUSIC.
THEY AGREED, AND SAID IF THEY EVER NEED AN OLD VIOLIN THEY'LL LET ME KNOW.
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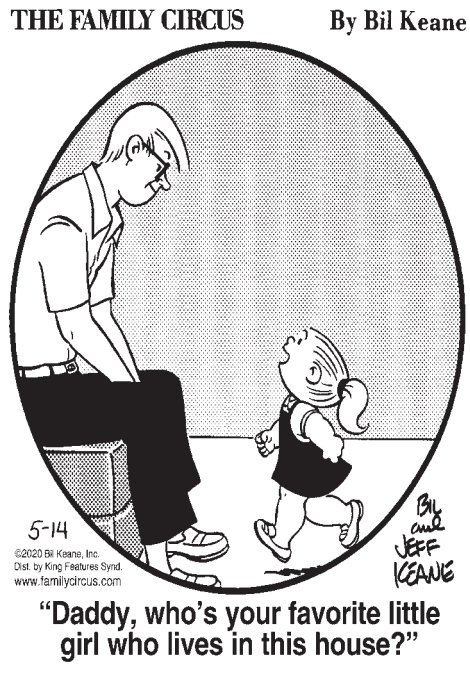
FAMILY CIRCUS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"Daddy, who's your favorite little girl who lives in this house?"

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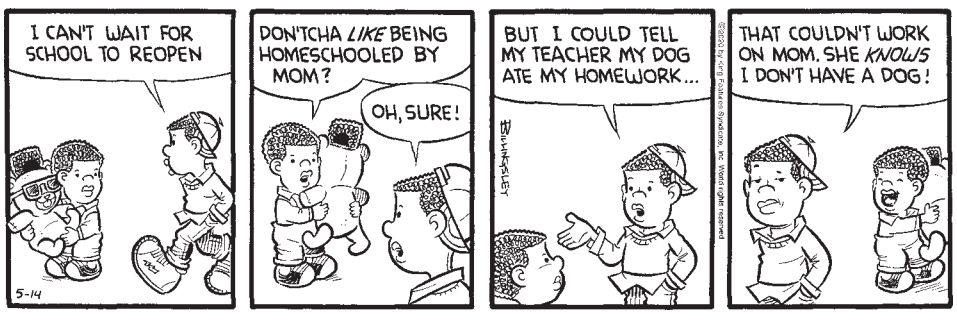
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DON'TCHA LIKE BEING HOMESCHOOLED BY MOM?
OH, SURE!
BUT I COULD TELL MY TEACHER MY DOG ATE MY HOMEWORK...
THAT COULDN'T WORK ON MOM. SHE KNOWS I DON'T HAVE A DOG!
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MY HAIR IS ALWAYS ALL OVER THE PLACE...
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...AND YOURS STAYS PERFECTLY COMBED.
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I COULD SHOW YOU THE SECRET.
DID YOU ASSUME THAT WAS A COMPLIMENT?

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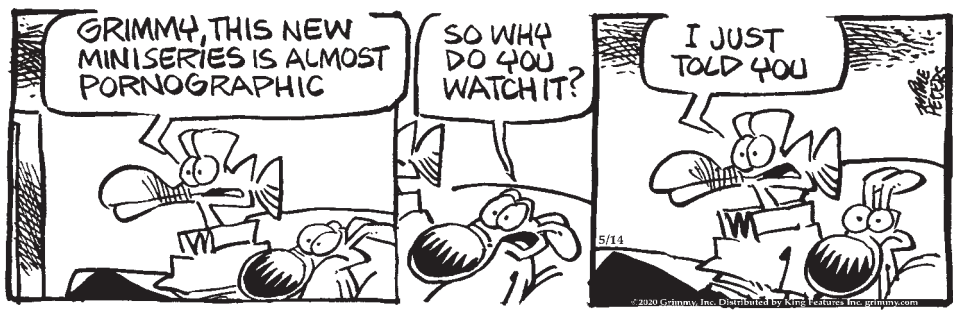
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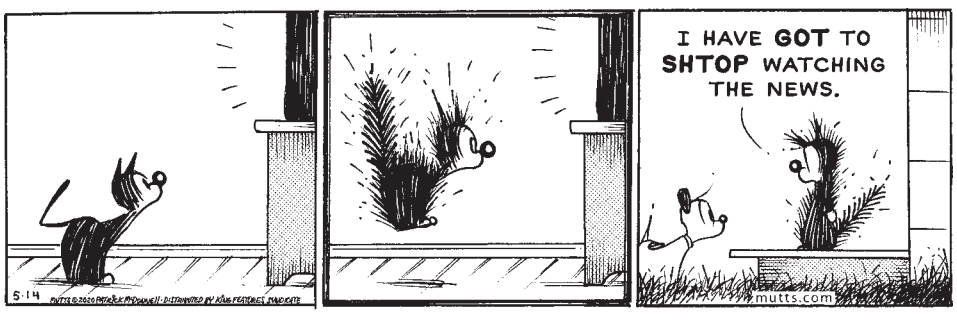

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MOM'S STILL STREAMING OLD EPISODES OF "STARLEE AND THE MOONBEAMS."
IT MAKES SENSE. PEOPLE NEED COMFORT FOOD FOR THE MIND MORE THAN EVER THESE DAYS...
KEEFE
I LIKE TO WATCH HOME IMPROVEMENT SHOWS. "PROPERTY BROTHERS." "FIXER UPPER." "NATE AND JEREMIAH." ALL A NICE BREAK
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BUT I THOUGHT OUR PATIO RENOVATION WAS ONE OF THE MOST STRESSFUL TIMES IN YOUR LIFE.
IT WAS. BUT NOW THAT IT'S DONE, I CAN BELIEVE IN THINGS AGAIN.
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History isn't always written by the winners

Jonah Goldberg

Attorney General William Barr ignited yet another firestorm last week by dismissing all charges against former national security adviser Michael Flynn. Then Barr threw more gas on the fire when Catherine Herridge of CBS asked him, "When history looks back on this decision, how do you think it will be written?"

"Well," Barr replied, "history is written by the winners, so it largely depends on who's writing the history."

The full quote turned out to be less cynical than the ubiquitous sound bite. Barr added, "I think a fair history would say that it was a good decision because it upheld the rule of law. It … upheld the standards of the Department of Justice, and it undid what was an injustice."

My own view of the Flynn episode is that the former decorated general behaved poorly – by his own admission lying to the FBI – but the FBI behaved terribly, too. Flynn was caught up in a counterintelligence investigation that became a politicized criminal investigation without sufficient evidence of a crime.

I believe it's possible Barr's doing what he thinks is best for the Justice Department and the country. Whether he's made the right decisions, however, is something historians will debate for years.

Which brings us back to that hoary cliche about the winners, or the "victors," writing history.

"I hear that phrase all the time and it drives me crazy," University of Massachusetts historian Vincent Cannato told me. He concedes there's some truth there. If the Romans conquered some Celtic backwater, the Romans wrote their history. The hitch, Cannato noted, is that nowadays, "plenty of history gets written by the 'losers.' Much of the historical profession today is dedicated to recovering the voices of marginalized groups."

European intruders were the victors in the settling of North America, and for a while, the story of noble white men battling savages dominated. That's gone now. One doesn't have to be a fan of Howard Zinn to believe some correction was long overdue. The 1619 Project, which just won a Pulitzer Prize, was not exactly a story told by the winners.

What's vexing about Barr's use of the aphorism is that he's applying a semi-truism about ancient military history to democratic politics and the rule of law. The suggestion, even with his caveats, that his decisions will be vindicated by history only if his side wins is disturbing.

That's not how it works. The Hollywood writers who lost their jobs during the McCarthy era were obviously not the victors, but they ultimately got to write the history of their defeat. Standard textbooks today teach that they were heroic martyrs of a fascistic moral panic over communism. (The actual story is somewhat more complicated.)

Then there's the question of how historians will treat the Trump presidency. If you talk to some in the administration, you'll hear that history will vindicate them. I find it difficult to contain my skepticism about that. Indeed, even those who say it tend to avoid claiming that history will be kind to Trump himself. Rather, they say that certain policies will be justified, or that individuals who sacrificed much to keep the White House on the rails will get some sympathy.

Maybe. Still, if I had to bet, once Trump is out of power, the vast majority of administration memoirs will be self-serving and thus quite damning of Trump's presidency.

On the other hand, something Cannato told me makes me think I could be wrong. In the modern era, the winners didn't write the losers' history. The losers wrote their own. After World War I, the Germans wrote their version of events – about how they were stabbed in the back by traitors and Jews – which is one reason we got World War II. Similarly, the Japanese lost WWII but wrote their own history and have thus failed to address the legacy of Imperial Japan.

The culture war is not a civil war, but it shares a similar dynamic. Each side subscribes to wildly different narratives about the country and the times. If today you actually believe Trump is a great president, you probably won't stop thinking it tomorrow, particularly when so many people believe that being hated by people you hate is proof of greatness. History may just end up being more "fake news."

The Trump era has demonstrated that if there's a market for something, there will be politicians eager to provide it. I still think history will be very unkind to our current president, but it may take a long time for that to be an uncontroversial opinion.

Jonah Goldberg is editor-in-chief of The Dispatch and the host of The Remnant podcast.

LETTERS

We need to resist government overreach

Editor,

Let me dare to say out loud what more and more people are starting to think. We have been completely sold a bill of goods far as this coronavirus panic is concerned. When the virus first hit, it was presented, correctly, as a very bad flu, with all the attendant precautions needing to be observed for the elderly and people with other compromising health conditions.

However, as certain people realized there was political hay to be made from this virus and in keeping with the progressive adage to "never let a crisis go to waste," it quickly morphed into the second coming of the Black Plague and we were promised "millions of deaths" and "mass graves" having to be dug. Based on these scare tactics Americans surrendered their civil liberties and allowed themselves to be placed under house arrest and subjected to unconstitutional restrictions, based all too often on little more than the whims of politicians.

That this doomsday scenario has not and is not coming to pass should now be obvious to all. Yet now that there is legitimate call to scale back on restrictions and reopen their economies, certain "progressive" governors, including our own queen bee, are dragging their feet. Seems that the urge to keep telling people how to live their lives is to strong for them (as it is for all progressives)

As a result, citizens in many of these states have taken to the streets in protest, and to say that they were not well received by their governments would be to put a shine on the situation. What dismays me the most about that was the complete disdain that was directed toward the protestors by the politicians, the media and far too many of their fellow citizens. Nowhere did I perceive even a hint of realization or admission that maybe the protestors had a point. Instead, they were immediately referred to as racist Nazis who do not care if people die. Of course, none of that is true and I find it a fantastical accusation coming from anybody who supports unrestricted abortion, but that's another topic.

I find it so revealing that the state of California, which professed itself powerless to control the Antifa brown-shirts as they rioted and burned their way through the state, had no trouble assembling 500 cops in full riot gear to confront the marauding hordes of parents and children attempting to enjoy their beaches on a sunny day. Thank god civil order was maintained.

I think it's time for some good old-fashioned civil disobedience. It is a grand American tradition starting with the Boston Tea Party and achieving probably its most notable success with the protests of Dr. Martin Luther King. Wasn't it just last year everybody was being urged to "Resist!"? Thomas Jefferson famously wrote "What country can preserve it's liberties if their rulers are not warned from time to time that their people preserve the spirit of resistance?" Time to get off the couch.

David Goodyear
Coloma

Trump not up to the challenge

Editor,

It is not just that the president has tried at every turn to praise himself, denigrate others, promote unscientific and often dangerous "treatments" for COVID-19, and then get his lackeys in the GOP to support him. In this time of extraordinary crisis, we do not have a strong national leader. No, we have a failed businessman and reality show star who does not give a hoot about ordinary Americans, including his (mystifyingly) loyal base. He is so vain and arrogant he won't even wear a face mask.

People are dying because of a pandemic that knows no borders and has no political affiliation. Tens of thousands in this country alone have died horrible, lonely deaths. Many others have suffered great disablement and pain after becoming infected by the virus. The President refuses to face reality: We need widespread, robust testing, plus a huge federal effort to get our front-line health care workers and our essential business employees the PPE and support they need. We also need a cautious reopening of businesses that follow best-practices and healthcare guidelines rather than the whims of those in denial about the deadliness of the virus and its extreme contagiousness.

What does President Trump do in the face of this challenge, one that has grown exponentially since his early denials in January and February that the pandemic existed or would adversely affect us? He boasts, then whines, he picks petty fights with hard-working journalists. He refuses to take any responsibility as head of the nation to address the situation in any meaningful, sustained way. On the contrary, he makes everything he touches worse. He now has Attorney General William Barr dismantling the Justice Department and remaking it into a Trump enforcement arm of government. His madness and corrupted governing style must be stopped.

Although Dr. Anthony Fauci and others have helped formulate official federal guidelines for dealing with COVID-19, Trump cheers on governors like Brian Kemp in Georgia, whose approval ratings have tanked as he has rushed to reopen essential tattoo parlors and other businesses while ignoring the official guidelines. In contrast, those governors who take this catastrophe seriously and address both the health concerns and economic ones at the same time – including our own Gretchen Whitmer – are rising in the polls.

It is long past time for this failed man and dangerous president to go. Vote by mail-in, absentee ballot this November to remove him and those who support or enable him. And pray we last that long.

Nancy Braun
Coloma

Who stands to profit from virus drug?

Editor,

So I see they want to use the very expensive drug Remdesivir, which is experimental and also in clinical trials, pretty much the same as hydroxychloroquine, which I have seen many reports that it has been effective both in our country and overseas. We are talking under 50 cents for the hydroxychloroquine and thousands of dollars for the Remdesivir. It sounds like the hammers the government was paying hundreds of dollars for years back.

With all the money (trillions) we have been putting out with the bills to help the economy I would think a bit of restraint on our spending should be considered. They do not know that either drug works well, but yet we hear of success with hydroxychloroquine but they seem to push toward the other.

I really think this should be questioned and looked into more. Who stands to profit from Remdesivir? Does someone get a kickback for pushing it? We know these things happen in government and that is why we must be diligent in looking into and questioning. I would like to see our representatives take a stronger stance in searching and doing what is best for our country. Look into it yourself and question.

I would like to say that I am so disappointed in Republicans in office that they just let the Democrats attack our president and cost us millions with these phony accusations such as the Russia collusion and the phony dossier and bogus impeachment accusations. We need representatives who are not afraid to stand up to them and subpoena them if needed. In my eyes it was a coup to oust our duly elected president and treasonous.

Surely you see how they attack Republicans and not their own for the very same actions. It is just not right. I hate corruption in government and I want to see it end. I want representatives that view this as one of their goals besides their normal duties.

Donna LeBeau
Watervliet

Leaders must end finger-pointing

Editor,

I am running for state representative in the 79th District. And this is my very good reason for running.

As we test the water to relax "stay-home, stay-safe" measures, COVID-19 remains the elephant in the room. The economic reverberations of this virus is the very large issue at hand as it changes our social, educational, medical, environmental, agricultural, economic and political landscape before our eyes. The year 2021 will be a pivotal moment for rewriting public and social policy.

Employed as a behavior health tech at Spectrum Health Lakeland St. Joseph, I read data from various sources that suggests we should prepare ourselves for the effects of coronavirus taking us well into 2021. This is not a fear statement. This is how contagious disease runs its course. In the meantime, our spiraling systems continue to be at the throes of major change.

COVID-19 is an organic issue. It cannot be legislated away. Government is responsible for protecting public health and now finds itself treading its economic ripples. Because of the many losses individuals and entities are experiencing, coronavirus itself is asking us to come together as community for long-term, sustainable solutions.

The 101st Legislature will be faced with accommodating the far-reaching effects of COVID-19. This is where my knowledge of the legislative process, political experience, collaborative approach, and real-life experience comes in. I want to be at that table rewriting policy, closing party gaps, and working for the best and highest interest of all.

I come from a family lineage of distinguished public service. In my impressionable years I watched my father, former Republican State Rep. Carl F. Gnodtke, work effectively with governmental departments, agencies and organizations regardless of party affiliation.

Through the course of years we have observed our political climate evolve from friendly political camaraderie to party pettiness and divisiveness. This accomplishes nothing and creates more defensive attitudes.

Today we are facing different times, and we need a style of leadership in Lansing that will fit these times.

I am the rightful candidate to step into what's appropriate and relevant. It's important that I apply my government experience, education, and real-life worldview in Lansing. And it's important that we use this time now, collectively, to organize how we would like to see our socio/economic/political systems emerge.

This is our moment of restructuring. Party finger-pointing stops here.

Let's continue to hold Michigan in the light of leadership that the rest of the country looks up to.

And for that I will be pleased to represent us in Lansing in January 2021.

Thank you for your vote in the Republican primary on Aug. 4.

Jacquie Gnodtke Blackwell Bridgman

Thank goodness for Gretchen Whitmer

Editor,

I am so disappointed in the national response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Trump makes decisions with his gut and the COVID-19 pandemic has become a huge national disaster. I am disappointed in our 79th District representative and other Republicans who are using partisanship to push a frivolous lawsuit against the governor.

Thank goodness Gretchen Whitmer and many of the governors, including Maryland's Republican governor and chair of the National Governor's Association, are using knowledge and data. It only makes sense to take the direction of the public health professionals, science and evolving data to determine what action to take on addressing the cCOVID-19 pandemic.

She is implementing a six-stage MI Safe Start Plan. At this point we are at stage 3. As she says, opening up of Michigan "will be guided by the data, not artificial timelines." She is working directly with many of our businesses to do this appropriately. Business does not want a spread of COVID-19 either. We can protect the people and open the state at the same time. We can do both. It is a false choice to have to choose only between staying at home or opening the economy.

John VonderHaar
St. Joseph

DOWAGIAC

Dowagiac farm market ready to open in June

By HP STAFF

DOWAGIAC — The Dowagiac Farm & Artisan Market is being allowed to open during the COVID-19 pandemic, but precautionary measures are still being put in place to keep everyone safe, according to Vickie Phillipson, program director for the Dowagiac Downtown Development Authority.

"For consumers, the market will set up a hand sanitizer station and will provide signage to guide their social distancing," Phillipson said in a news release. "By virtue of overhead canopies, vendors will also be able to adhere to social distancing between their booths."

This will be the seventh season for the market, which will be at Division and Railroad streets on the lawn of the Dowagiac Area History Museum.

"In addition, we will also ask vendors to adhere to the Michigan Farm Market Association COVID-19 Guidelines," Phillipson said. "The step-by-step precautionary measures can be easily met to ensure the safety of others."

Growers and artisans can reserve their space now for the market that re-opens June 3 by contacting the DDA at 782-8212 or by e-mail at V phillipson@Dowagiac.org. The market will be open 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays through the second Saturday in October. Space is available at the market for $10, when having your own overhead canopy. Vendors without a canopy can rent one from the DDA for an additional $2.

Farmers, backyard growers, businesses and local artisans will have the opportunity to sell their fruit and produce, annuals and perennials, baked goods, and other Michigan or hand-made products downtown.

Cats with no symptoms spread virus to other cats

By MARILYNN MARCHIONE
AP Chief Medical Writer

Cats can spread the new coronavirus to other cats without any of them ever having symptoms, a lab experiment suggests.

Scientists who led the work, reported on Wednesday, say it shows the need for more research into whether the virus can spread from people to cats to people again.

Health experts have downplayed that possibility. The American Veterinary Medical Association said in a new statement that just because an animal can be deliberately infected in a lab "does not mean that it will easily be infected with that same virus under natural conditions."

Anyone concerned about that risk should use "common sense hygiene," said virus expert Peter Halfmann. Don't kiss your pets and keep surfaces clean to cut the chances of picking up any virus an animal might shed, he said.

MARKETS

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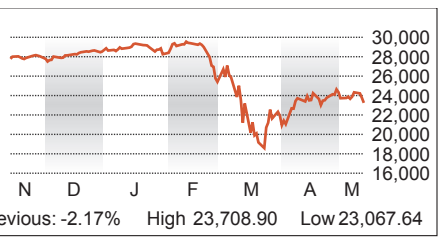

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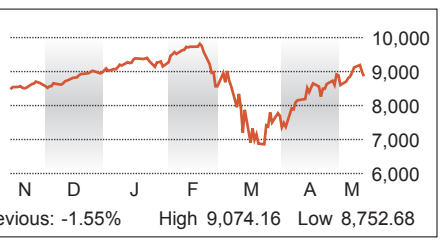

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OBITUARIES

Ruby Mae Reber

Aug. 23, 1926 – May 11, 2020

Ruby M. Reber, 93, died May 11, 2020, at her home in Kansas City, Mo., with her daughter at her side.

Ruby was born Aug. 23, 1926, to Clovis L. and Margaret E. (Vieritz) Boyersmith in Meadville, Pa. She grew up in Benton Harbor, where she graduated from Benton Harbor High School in 1944. She immediately was hired as a bookkeeper by the Truscott Boat & Dock Company in St. Joseph, which was making boats for the war effort. It was there, after the war, that she met her future husband. She and Calvin D. Reber married on March 12, 1948, in South Bend, Ind. They resided in the St. Joseph/Benton Harbor area until 1981, when they moved to Montgomery, Ala. Ruby worked in the offices at Memorial Hospital in St. Joseph from 1969 to 1981. She had worked earlier at Theisen Tire & Truck Supply and G.C. Murphy, both in St. Joseph.

In Montgomery, Ruby worked at Kinpak, Inc., until her retirement in 1988. She was active in several organizations in Montgomery and volunteered at Baptist Medical Center East there until she moved to Kansas City in 2015. Ruby always was busy with a needlework project – crocheting, knitting, embroidery and tatting – and was universally described as a sweet person.

Ruby was preceded in death by her husband in 1997.

She is survived by their daughters, Janet (Lawrence) Marsh of Kansas City and Linda (Brenton) Roberts of Saranac, Mich.; grandsons, Clint (Kristine) Clemens of Ionia, Mich., and Chad (Nickole) Clemens of Fenwick, Mich.; and several great-grandchildren.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Starks & Menchinger Chapel. A private graveside service will be held at a later date at Spring Run Cemetery, St. Joseph. Those wishing to leave an online condolence may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

William 'Bill' Bartholemew Novak

July 17, 1948 – May 9, 2020

William "Bill" Bartholemew Novak, 71, of Benton Harbor peacefully departed to be with his Lord and Savior on May 9, 2020, at his residence.

Bill was born July 17, 1948, in Hartford, to Benjamin and Donna Ruth (Starbuck) Novak. After graduating from Bangor High School, he began a long career as an auto mechanic. Bill was an assistant chaplain for Berrien County Sheriff's Department with Forgotten Man Ministries, a lifetime member at the Hartford Sportsmen's Club and a member of the American Legion in Stevensville. Upon retiring, he became a "greeter" at Meijer in Benton Harbor. In his spare time, he enjoyed fishing, working in his yard and listening to music. Faithfully, Bill prayed on his knees each night and would lean over an open Bible each morning. His greatest joy was caring for and looking after his family and friends.

A private celebration of life will be planned at a later date. Arrangements are entrusted to Purely Cremations – Starks Family Funeral Homes and Cremation Services, 926-9440. Those who wish to leave an online condolence for Bill's family may do so at www.purelycremations.org. In lieu of donations or flowers, please do a kind deed for someone in honor of Bill.

Bill is survived by his son, William Marcus Novak; daughter, Stacey (Chad) VanBeek; sisters, Peggy Hester and Rosemary (Carl) Stokes; brother, Bernard Novak; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; longtime friend, Mike Rapp, who was like a brother; and Heidi Gruntman, who was like a daughter to him.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Cathrine Novak; brothers, Arthur Kelemen and Robert Novak; and Stacey's mother, Linda TenHagen.

Death notices

Jerry W. Durr, 85, of St. Joseph died April 24, 2020. Hoven Funeral Home, Buchanan, 695-2363.

Margaret E. Hinchman, 95, of Niles died May 11, 2020. Allred Funeral Home, Berrien Springs, 471-3729.

Ruby M. Reber, 93, of Kansas City, Mo., former area resident died May 11, 2020, at home. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Harold Wynn, 92, of Niles died May 13, 2020, at West Woods of Niles. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Margaret E. Hinchman

July 28, 1924 – May 11, 2020

Margaret Elaine Hinchman, 95, of Niles passed from this life on May 11, 2020.

She was born July 28, 1924, to Emerson and Edna Metzger. She was an avid traveler who traveled extensively with the Good Sam Club, the Coachman Travelers and the Yellowstone Travel Club. She enjoyed all types of crafts and was fond of presenting her family with her handmade gifts. Margaret was a lifelong member of the Arden United Methodist Church. She was always a great blessing to her family and friends, and she will be missed.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold Hinchman (Oct. 13, 1997); her daughter, Jacki Hinchman Neely; one brother, Harold Metzger; and one sister, Maxine Metzger Apple.

She leaves behind her son, Dennis Hinchman of Niles; one son-in-law, Jesse Neely of Granger, Ind.; one daughter-in-law, Linda Hinchman of Niles; two granddaughters, Janice Hurt of Grand Rapids and Jill Neely of Mishawaka; two grandsons, Tim Hinchman (Lisa) of Lake Station, Ind., and Kevin Hinchman (Terese) of Napa, Calif.; eight great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 16, at Spring Run Cemetery, St. Joseph, with Lanny Duffel officiating. Memorials may be made to Arden United Methodist Church, 6891 M-139, Berrien Springs, MI 49103. Online messages may be left for the family at www.allred funeralhome.com.

Clarence Schroeder Jr.

July 5, 1938 – May 12, 2020

Clarence Schroeder Jr. of Coloma passed away Tuesday, May 12, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center in St. Joseph.

A private graveside service will be held Friday, May 15, at North Shore Memory Gardens in Coloma, with Pastor Christine Beaudoin officiating. Memorials may be made to Coloma United Methodist Church. Those wishing to share a memory of Clarence online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Clarence was born July 5, 1938, in Munising, Mich., to Clarence and Ruby (Hill) Schroeder Sr. He graduated from Muskegon Catholic Central in 1956. Clarence then served his country in the United States Air Force. On March 11, 1995, he married Judy Baker in Coloma. Clarence worked as chief groundskeeper for Whirlpool Corp. for many years. In his spare time, he enjoyed golfing, fishing, camping and spending his winters in Florida with Judy. He was also known as Mr. Fix-it, always tinkering on many projects.

Clarence is survived by his wife, Judy Schroeder; son, Steven Schroeder; daughters, Theresa Schroeder and Amy (Phil) Osborn; grandchildren: Patricia (Rick) Bosse, Veronica Baker, Amanda (Steven) Busch, Theresa "Tomi" Rodriguez, Hilary (Doug) Hageman, Jake (Ali) Osborn and Sam (Jesslyna) Osborn; 13 great-grandchildren; siblings, Virginia (Joseph) West, Barbara Schroeder, David (Char) Schroeder, James Schroeder and Marcella (Steve) Anderson.

Clarence was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Daniel Schroeder.

Jerry Wayne Durr

July 21, 1934 – April 24, 2020

On Friday, April 24, 2020, Jerry Wayne Durr, a loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, passed away at age 85.

Jerry was born on July 21, 1934, in Fort Wayne, Ind., to Gerald and Lucille Durr. He served in the U.S. Navy for four years during the Korean War. After the war, he made San Diego his home and married Kathleen Bowen. They were married for 51 years and raised two children, Shannon and Gregory. He retired from AT&T after more than 35 years with the company, and moved to St. Joseph.

Jerry loved golf and landed his first hole-in-one at age 70 at Pebblewood Country Club. He had many friends and was known for his sweet disposition, sense of humor and spaghetti sauce.

Jerry was preceded in death by his wife, Kathleen.

He is survived by his children, Shannon (Brad) Crawford of Prescott, Ariz., and Gregory (Peggy) Durr of St. Joseph; his grandchildren, Lauren, Andrew and Sydney; and his great-grandchildren, Emma, Logan, Gavin and Ophelia. He will be deeply missed by all who loved him.

No services are planned. Online condolences may be made at www.hoven funerals.com.

Pandemic piles new pressures on foster children, caretakers

By ELANA SCHOR
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Jessica Overstreet first entered foster care at age 14, separated from her siblings and knowing very little about what her new life meant aside from what she had seen in the popular musical "Annie." So for a while, at the beginning, she kept her status a secret.

Her case manager was "a very good person," she said, but so overwhelmed that Overstreet wishes she'd had more one-on-one time to share how hard it was to be separated from her family.

"We had Zoom, we had Skype and stuff like that. But it wasn't utilized at all," Overstreet, now 26 and living on her own in Tampa, Florida, recalled in a video interview.

Foster children have enormous challenges even in the best of times. The coronavirus pandemic threatens them with even greater turmoil, isolating them from adult supervisors and friends and making it harder to move on to new lives – either with biological or adoptive families, or as newly independent adults.

Overstreet fears the new reality brought by the COVID-19 pandemic has made some foster kids' already difficult situations "100 times worse."

Celeste Bodner, executive director of FosterClub, a nonprofit organization through which foster youth connect and support each other, says mental health crises are a palpable risk, given "the stress this crisis is causing, layered on top of the preexisting trauma."

Because of the pandemic, the teachers, coaches and other adults whose watchful eyes once proved a helpful barometer of foster children's well-being are now kept at a distance.

Jeff Sprinkle, a longtime court-appointed foster child advocate in Georgia, estimates that under normal circumstances, 17 adults are engaged to some extent in the lives of each of the foster children he helps. That has shrunk drastically, he said.

"It's hard on the children," said Sprinkle, 66. "But it's also hard on the foster parents, because they end up filling the shoes of the 17 people who were investing in the children's lives previously."

Bodner's group is hosting online meetings to help foster children stay connected at a time when they've lost the typical communication channels that school and outside socializing provide.

But children in foster care may have less access to technology than their peers, she said, particularly those in group care facilities where use of digital devices can be limited.

Group facilities pose other challenges, such as maintaining social distancing and taking other measures that health officials have recommended to prevent the coronavirus's spread, noted Jennifer Pokempner, senior attorney at the Philadelphia-based Juvenile Law Center.

Advocates for foster children have long urged a decreased reliance on such institutions, which housed about 10 percent of the 437,283 children in the U.S. foster care system as of Sept. 30, 2018, according to an annual report by the Department of Health and Human Services.

But for some, group homes are the only stable environment available. Foster children stay in group facilities or individual foster homes while they await long-term placement – either through adoption or a return to their biological families – or come of age and move out on their own.

Federal law permits states to keep providing foster care benefits to youth after they turn 18, and many extend some level of services until age 21. In response to the virus outbreak, several states have opted to pay the cost of keeping foster youth who would otherwise age out.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

25 years ago – 1995

A monument to 13 deceased police officers from Berrien County was dedicated in Lake Bluff Park in St. Joseph on Saturday. The officers whose names are engraved on the black and gray stone monument were honored during a ceremony that included a rifle salute, the playing of taps, and the presentation of wreaths from various police departments.

35 years ago – 1985

Leo K. Cook of St. Joseph, retired Berrien Fifth District Court judge, received a State of Michigan tribute from District Judge John Hammond at the Berrien County Bar Association meeting yesterday. The tribute was signed by Gov. James Blanchard, Sen. Harry Gast and Reps. Lad Stacey and Carl Gnodtke. Cook retired Dec. 31 after 12 years as a judge. He also served 29 years as senior resident agent of the FBI office in Benton Harbor. Hammond described Cook as a man "who has made this county a better place in which to live."

50 years ago – 1970

Congress has completed all action necessary to install and operate a control tower at the Twin Cities' Ross Field Airport. It was announced from Washington late yesterday by this district's congressman, Edward Hutchinson. Only President Nixon's signature remains for the final green light, and that's expected to come routinely within the next few days. The tower represents a major landmark in development of the rapidly improving and expanding local airport. Its operation will provide air and ground traffic control urgently needed to assure safety and efficiency as use of the airport increases.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Thursday, May 14, the 135th day of 2020. There are 231 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On May 14, 1940, the Netherlands surrendered to invading German forces during World War II.

On this date:

In 1643, Louis XIV became King of France at age 4 upon the death of his father, Louis XIII.

In 1796, English physician Edward Jenner inoculated 8-year-old James Phipps against smallpox by using cowpox matter.

In 1804, the Lewis and Clark expedition to explore the Louisiana Territory as well as the Pacific Northwest left camp near present-day Hartford, Illinois.

In 1863, Union forces defeated the Confederates in the Battle of Jackson, Mississippi.

In 1948, according to the current-era calendar, the independent state of Israel was proclaimed in Tel Aviv by David Ben-Gurion, who became its first prime minister; U.S. President Harry S. Truman immediately recognized the new nation.

In 1955, representatives from eight Communist bloc countries, including the Soviet Union, signed the Warsaw Pact in Poland. (The Pact was dissolved in 1991.)

In 1961, Freedom Riders were attacked by violent mobs in Anniston and Birmingham, Alabama.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Showers Likely	Showers Likely	Showers Likely	Mostly Cloudy	Showers Likely	Partly Cloudy
69°	56°	60° / 52°	65° / 56°	59° / 50°	58° / 52°

Local Outlook

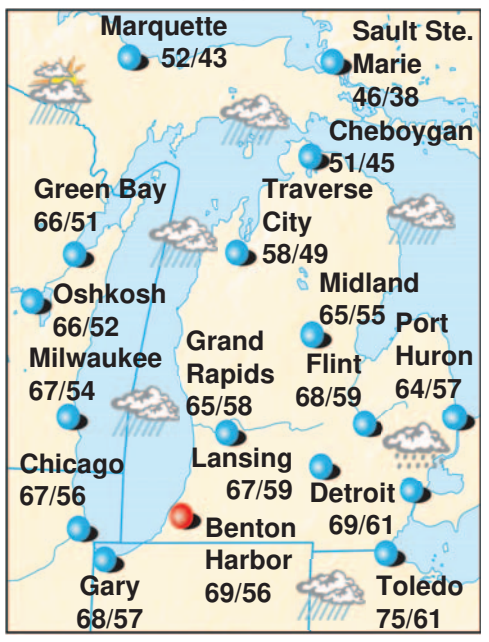
Today we will see cloudy skies with a 90% chance of showers, high temperature of 69°, humidity of 75%. South wind 13 to 17 mph. Expect cloudy skies tonight with an 85% chance of showers, overnight low of 56°. South southwest wind 9 to 14 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise ..... 6:25 a.m.
Sunset ..... 8:59 p.m.
Moonrise ..... 3:04 a.m.
Moonset ..... 1:07 p.m.

Last	New	First	Full
5/14	5/22	5/29	6/5

Regional Map



Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	66°
Low	43°
Normal High	70°
Normal Low	47°
Record High	85° in 2005
Record Low	32° in 2001

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	0.32"
Normal for month	1.66"
Year to date	12.56"
Normal Year to date	10.84"

Air Quality

Yesterday 49
Main Offender ..... Particles

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

0-50 ..... Good
51-100 ..... Moderate
101-150 .... Sensitive
151-200 .. Unhealthy

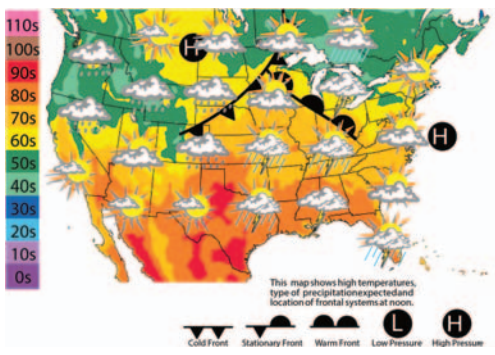
Weather Trivia

What is the difference between a hurricane watch and a hurricane warning?

Answer: In a watch, hurricane conditions are possible; in a warning, they are expected.

National Weather Map

Forecast map for May 14, 2020



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Lake Michigan

Today, S wind 14 to 16 kt. Showers and possibly a thunderstorm. Some of the storms could produce heavy rain. Areas of fog. Waves 2 to 3 ft. Water temperature 46 degrees.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be cloudy with widespread showers, highs in the 40s and 50s. South southeast wind 2 to 11 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies Friday with scattered showers, highs in the 50s. West northwest wind 3 to 10 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be cloudy with scattered showers and rain, highs in the 60s. South wind 13 to 17 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies Friday with scattered showers and rain, highs in the 60s and 70s. West wind 6 to 9 mph.

BRONSON

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Quinn said.

Normally, Jacquart produces textile products for various industries, but when the COVID-19 pandemic began, company leaders decided to begin producing personal protection equipment for hospitals.

Hospital systems, like Bronson Healthcare, were having difficulty at the beginning of the pandemic in March acquiring extra PPE.

John Fear, director of food and nutrition at Bronson Battle Creek, knew the difficulties his own hospital was having.

"With the outbreak of COVID-19 across the world, it was difficult for hospitals to continue purchasing personal protective equipment through normal supply chains," Fear said. "One product we were significantly low on at Bronson was surgical gowns for our staff."

As a result, Bronson Battle Creek's staff decided to create their own gowns. The hospital staff did so after one employee created a gown pattern. Other employees then worked together to sew 110 gowns.

"However, we knew that we were going to need more gowns than our internal team could produce," said Fear, who had spent 10 years living in the Upper Peninsula, 10 miles away from Jacquart.

"I heard through the grape vine that they had to shut down normal production due to the pandemic, but had reopened to make masks and gowns for a healthcare system in Wisconsin," Fear said. "After talking with our leadership team, I reached out to Bob Jacquart, the company owner, to see if they would be willing to create 600 gowns for Bronson Battle Creek. After talking with his team, Bob let us know the team would be happy to work with us."

Bronson Battle Creek had planned to order 600 gowns, but when Bronson Healthcare officials examined the gowns, they decided to up the order to provide 6,000 gowns for all of their medical facilities in Southwest Michigan, including Bronson South Haven.

Jacquart agreed to produce 100 gowns each day and ship them to Bronson's hospitals, but when Quinn's wife, Tina, heard the news,

Contributed photo

John Fear, director of food and nutrition at Bronson Battle Creek, models one of the gowns that were created for Bronson staff by Jacquart Fabric Products, the parent company of Stormy Kromer, a company known for its trademark wool winter caps.

she thought of her husband and his love of flying.

She talked to her husband, who then talked to Bronson officials about the possibility of transporting the gowns more quickly by private planes.

"This saved us the time and cost of shipments," Fear said. "What a tremendous act of kindness and selflessness within our own community."

With Bronson's blessing, two planes piloted by Randy and Brad Pugh and Quinn and Mike Koetje journeyed to Iron Mountain to pick up the gowns. Once they landed, the pilots were amazed at the size of the shipment.

"Before we knew, both planes were packed, which was surprising, since we had a rather large twin-engine Piper Aerostar with us," Quinn said. "With a couple quick phone calls we were able to have a third aircraft about 2 hours later for the remainder of the load." That plane was flown by Bob VanZee, a veteran airline pilot, who has flown Boeing 737s.

Once loaded with the medical supplies, the planes headed back to Southwest Michigan where the gowns were safely delivered to Bronson.

Quinn said if needed, the pilots would be willing to return to the skies to help transport PPE.

"The general aviation community is willing to help where ever they can, all is needed is a request to fly," he said.

DePALMA

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term of years.

In February, Schrock ruled that DePalma would be re-sentenced to a term of years, saying the Supreme Court intended the life without parole sentence to be given only to "the rare" juvenile who is irreparably corrupt and incapable of change.

He said he does not believe that of DePalma. In a Miller hearing, a judge must consider several factors including the facts of the case and the inmate's involvement, family history, prior criminal involvement, mental health issues, school history and generally the relative maturity of the inmate as a youth to fully realize the wrongfulness of their actions. Conduct in prison is also considered.

In his ruling in February, Schrock said that in his opinion, at the time of the murder DePalma was functioning at an age level less than 17, his home environment was dysfunctional and he displayed behavior that reflected youthful decision-making.

He said that in prison, there are limited opportunities for self-improvement programs for inmates who will never get out and that DePalma "has taken advantage of any that are available, has shown significant growth and maturity and a significant potential for more beyond that already achieved."

In pronouncing the new sentence Wednesday, Schrock said, "There is no justification for a criminal act of this nature. There is no way to explain it away, and Mr. DePalma is responsible. But there was a full hearing, with both parties having the opportunity to present evidence related to the Miller factors, and based on those findings, I hereby sentence (DePalma) to 27-60 years, with credit for 8,406 days (23 years and five days)."

Before re-sentencing DePalma, Schrock heard from O'Malley, Parling and Robin DePalma, Anthony DePalma's sister and Connie DePalma's daughter, also appearing by video.

"I can't continue to let this destroy my life," Robin DePalma said in tearful testimony. "I've seen no remorse from him. ... He's not sorry. He's just sorry for where he's at. I hope it torments him as much as it torments me. No amount of time will make me forgive him, and after today I hope to never lay eyes on him again."

O'Malley asked for a sentence of 40-60 years, telling the judge, "He's asking you to give him a life. The last minutes of her (Connie DePalma's) life were pain and torture. For 15 minutes, this went on. He has shown no remorse, no empathy. If he doesn't show those, he hasn't learned anything."

Parling argued that DePalma has shown remorse.

"I've gotten to know his as a person over the last four years representing him," she said. "He is respectful and kind. I believe he is a good, genuine person. He is remorseful, ready to do something with his life, and a prime example of what these Miller hearings are about. I would be happy to have him as my next-door neighbor."

DePalma also addressed the judge.

"I want to apologize to my family for all the hurt and pain, robbing them of their mother. My mother held the family together and I'm the one who took that. There's nothing I can do or say to bring her back. I will spend the rest of my life trying to be someone my mother would be proud of," he said. "No one should be afraid of me. I stand before you today a good person, ready to re-enter society."

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CREDIT

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volume well over 60,000 calls – just for the month."

Knight said the amount of calls they've been getting on mortgages have been crazy. Many have inquired about deferring loans.

From mid-March and through the end of April, Knight said United has deferred $3.5 million in loan payments.

"If we can do that at no cost to members, then they don't have to choose between their financial health and putting food on the table," he said. "Right now people helping people is the best thing we can do for them."

While transaction counts at Honor Credit Union's locations have decreased due to members not coming in to the physical locations during the health crisis, there has been a substantial increase in the call, chat and text volume.

Stacey Dodson, Honor's interim vice president of marketing, said members are adapting well to the digital solutions and using those platforms to conduct their banking transactions and needs.

The number of loans has soared at Honor, especially with the number of small businesses seeking help as many were deemed non-essential and forced to close.

Don Campbell / HP staff

Customers use the drive-thru at the United Federal Credit Union in St. Joseph on Wednesday.

In the first wave of funding, Dodson said Honor helped 250 businesses secure loans worth more than $20 million. In the second wave of loans, Honor helped 180 business get approved for funding that totaled more than $9 million.

Dodson said they proceeded to get the word out to members through email and social media. That meant sending out daily updates and creating video tutorials on how to use any of the online services that members may not have used in the past in accessing their money.

"It became very important to us to use all possible channels to communicate with our members," she said.

The cleanliness factor

United modified its cleaning practices to be in line with the guidelines set by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control.

Knight said every market was hit differently by region. He said they received word of everything in Nevada first and made changes as everything moved across the country.

"We've provided the frontline staff with a cleaning schedule so they know how often they have to clean everything – right down to the ATMs that require a special solution," Knight said.

United has also been giving away pens to members so they don't reuse the writing utensils, corporate facilities are being cleaned more often, and high-touch areas are being focused on for sanitation.

"It's just a different way of life for all of us," Knight said.

At Honor, Dodson said they saw a renewed focus on sanitation since the lobbies were closed in March. That included an investment in cleaning supplies and face guards and masks.

"Our team began practicing social distancing as well," Dodson said. "We made cleanliness as we always did before, but it became a top priority that were were following guidelines."

Honor made its changes to how its branches would operate shortly after Gov. Gretchen Whitmer announced the state's executive order.

"Because we worked in coordination with each other to continue serving our members, we were able to make that shift," Dodson said. "This was uncharted waters."

She said additional measures will be made to keep the public safe once their buildings are re-opened.

As for what challenges United faces for the rest of the pandemic, Knight said he doesn't know what normalcy will look like in the near future.

"I'm very thankful for the position that our credit union is in," he said. "The challenge is making sure we are doing what we can to have a positive impact in the communities that we serve."

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